

**AGENDA**  
**2015 WALK OF FAME COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Friday, April 10, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**City Hall, 8th Floor Conference Room**  
**100 North Andrews Avenue**  
**Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Call Meeting to Order**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Selection of Chair for 2015**

**Discussion of 2015 Walk of Fame Nominations**

**2015 Walk of Fame Selections**

**Other Matters of Interest or Concern**

**Adjourn**

Tim McGovern, Staff Liaison  
(954) 828-4340

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**City of Fort Lauderdale  
WALK OF FAME COMMITTEE  
City Hall, 8th Conference Room  
Thursday, May 8, 2014 – 11:30 a.m.  
MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present**

Louise Crocco  
Jack Drury  
Marcia Pinder  
George Smith

**Committee Members Absent**

Rick Shaw  
Woody Woodbury

**Also Present**

Tim McGovern, Staff Liaison  
Cole Copertino, City Attorney's Office  
Chaz Adams, Public Affairs Office  
Angela DiPietro, Parks and Recreation

***Welcome***

The meeting was called to order at 11:43 a.m. Each committee member introduced themselves. Jack Drury welcomed and thanked each committee member.

Cole Copertino discussed the Florida Government-in-the-Sunshine Law and informed members that this limited duration committee will expire December 31, 2014.

***Public Discussion on 2014 Walk of Fame Nominations***

The committee opened up the meeting for public discussion of the 2014 Walk of Fame nominations. Tim Schiavone spoke about his support for Gregg Newell who economically influenced Fort Lauderdale Beach over many years as owner of The Button. Dan Santoro also spoke about his nomination for Gregg Newell and how Mayor Jim Naugle declared October 22 as "Crazy Gregg Day" in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Judith Summers spoke in support of John McLaughlin who served as a stunt double for Sean Connery over many years.

***Selection of Chair***

Committee members discussed the selection of a chair for 2014.

**MOTION:** Crocco/Pinder. Motion was made to appoint Jack Drury as Chair of the 2014 Walk of Fame Committee. Passed unanimously.

***2014 Walk of Fame Selection***

Chair Drury opened the floor for discussion of the 2014 Walk of Fame honorees.

Chair Drury also presented Woody Woodbury's recommendations since he could not attend due to an illness. Lousie Crocco brought Jerome Faber forward for consideration. George Smith spoke on behalf of Johnny Alexander but requested clarification on City employees winning since he believed there is already an award established for employees. Marcia Pinder also spoke in favor of Johnny Alexander.

Copertino informed the committee that they can preserve remaining nominees for next year so the future Walk of Fame Committee can re-establish the list if necessary.

Committee members discussed their top three selections.

**MOTION: Smith/Crocco.** The following people were recognized as 2014 Walk of Fame Honorees: Gregg Newell, Jerome Faber, and John Amodeo. Passed unanimously.

Chair Drury told committee members that they are welcome to attend the Walk of Fame Honoree reception at the Great American Beach Party at 5 p.m.

Committee members discussed volunteering for the 2015 Walk of Fame Committee.

**MOTION: Pinder/Crocco.** Motion to adjourn at 12:22 p.m. Passed unanimously.



## **City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame Honorees (2010 - 2014)**

### **2010**

Connie Francis

Singer, Actress, Entertainer

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of "Where the Boys Are"

### **2011**

City of Fort Lauderdale

Commemorating the City's Centennial (1911 – 2011)

Louise Crocco

Legendary Cardinal Gibbons High School Girls' Volleyball Coach

Brent Jett

Astronaut and Space Shuttle Commander

Marcia Pinder

Award-winning Dillard High School Girls' Basketball Coach

Rick Shaw

Radio Broadcasting Legend

George Smith

Legendary St. Thomas Aquinas High School Football Coach



**2012**

H. Wayne Huizenga  
Entrepreneur and Philanthropist

Jimmy Evert  
The Patriarch of Tennis in Fort Lauderdale

Chris Evert  
Hall of Fame Tennis Professional

Woody Woodbury  
Comedian, Actor and Television Personality

**2013**

W. George Allen  
Attorney and Civil Rights Advocate

The Gill Family  
Fort Lauderdale's First Family of Tourism

Jack Drury  
Public Relations Executive and Goodwill Ambassador

**2014**

"Crazy" Gregg Newell  
Father of Spring Break

Jerome "Jerry" Faber  
Tourism Pioneer

John Amodeo  
Legendary Restaurateur



## **2015 Walk of Fame Nominations**

Hugh Taylor Birch

John Flanagan

Ryan Hunter-Reay

Ina Lee

John McLaughlin

Ron O'Brien

Richard Perry

Tim Schiavone

Kim Sweers

Aiton Joseph (AJ) Yaari



## **2014 Walk of Fame Nomination Carryovers**

Johnny Alexander

George Hanbury

Patrina Makin-Suydam

John McLaughlin

Jack Nelson



## 2015 Walk of Fame Nominations

*Please rate your nominations in order of preference. 1=1<sup>st</sup> 2=2<sup>nd</sup> 3=3<sup>rd</sup>*

Hugh Taylor Birch	1	2	3
John Flanagan	1	2	3
Ryan Hunter-Reay	1	2	3
Ina Lee	1	2	3
John McLaughlin	1	2	3
Ron O'Brien	1	2	3
Richard Perry	1	2	3
Tim Schiavone	1	2	3
Kim Sweers	1	2	3
Aiton Joseph (AJ) Yaari	1	2	3

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Angela DiPietro

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**From:** Tim McGovern  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2015 10:38 AM  
**To:** Chaz Adams; Angela DiPietro  
**Cc:** Tim McGovern  
**Subject:** FW: Nominee Form 2015 - Hugh Taylor Birch  
**Attachments:** Nominee Form 2015- Hugh Taylor Birch .pdf

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**From:** admin@birchstatepark.org [mailto:admin@birchstatepark.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015 8:39 AM  
**To:** Tim McGovern  
**Subject:** Nominee Form 2015 - Hugh Taylor Birch

Good Morning,

Please find attached Nominee Form for Hugh Taylor Birch.

Any questions please contact Gale M. Butler at 954-294-2665. I will be out of the office until Thursday, but our volunteer Nichole Vega will be able to help with anything you need.

Thank you!

Gale M. Butler



## **2015 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form**

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If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2015 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. Please feel free to attach additional sheets or submit your responses via email to [tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov). The deadline for the 2015 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame nomination is **Friday, April 3.**

Name: Gale M. Butler, Executive Director, Friends of Birch State Park

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City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

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## 2015 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form – Page 2/2

1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community. Examples include civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other categories.

Hugh Taylor Birch, an attorney from Chicago, visited Henry Flagler in Palm Beach in 1893 and listened to Flagler's dream of taking his railroad south through the cub-tropical wilderness of south Florida to Key West. Intrigued, Birch sailed alone in a borrowed sloop from Palm Beach in search of undeveloped land. After a storm forced him in to what is now Bahia Mar, he fell in love with the area and decided to stay. Over the next 30 years, Birch purchased hundreds of acres including 33 acres as a wedding gift for his daughter, Helen, when she married Frederick Bartlett which is now called Bonnet House Museum and Gardens, a state historic property. Some of his land he donated to his alma Mater, Antioch College, but the rest, he donated to the State of Florida and the City of Fort Lauderdale. He gave the State of Florida access for A1A through his 180 acres and to the City he gave access for Sunrise Boulevard so they could build a bridge to connect Coral Ridge to the barrier island. Finally, Birch donated 3 miles of open beach to the City of Fort Lauderdale with the stipulation that it remain open and accessible to the public forever. That gift gave Fort Lauderdale its economic engine: tourism.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Hugh Taylor Birch is deserving of this award because he is truly the Father of Fort Lauderdale Beach. He gave the City of Fort Lauderdale its economic engine and its residents a quality of life that most Florida city residents do not have: an open, free and accessible beach for recreation. His foresight and commitment to the beauty of the area has saved not only the 180 acres that is now Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, but the 33 acres that is the Bonnet House and Gardens for future residents and tourists to enjoy.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Born in 1848 on a Wisconsin farm to Erastus and Sally Birch, Hugh Taylor Birch was one of six children. In the 1850s the family moved to Indiana where Erastus Birch dredged the nearby Kankakee River, draining and reclaiming the land along its banks. For this work, Erastus was given thousands of acres which in time, made him a wealthy man. This it is thought, is what formed Hugh Taylor Birch's love of land and his belief in improving the land.

The Birches moved again to Ohio in 1857, when Erastus Birch asked to be an administrator of a college started by his friend Horace Mann, called Antioch College. In 1869, Hugh Taylor Birch attended Antioch College where he was the star pitcher on the baseball team, founder of the drama club, and insisted on adding courses on nature to the curriculum. Birch left Antioch College before graduating to study law in Chicago.

In 1872, he began serving as Assistant State Attorney for Illinois and, during this time, he met and married Mariah Root from Buffalo, New York. Together, they had three children, a daughter named Helen, and two sons, one of whom died at age 5 of diphtheria. They lived for 40 years in a house on Michigan Avenue in Chicago where Birch became a successful lawyer, eventually serving as General Counsel for Standard Oil.

Birch's interest in nature and land acquisition led him to purchase land in and around Chicago until 1893, when the Chicago World's Columbian Exposition (World's Fair) opened and drew huge crowds. Birch attended and saw Henry Flagler's "Rolling Florida Exposition"—a railroad car made of Florida wood, lined with photos of Florida and filled with tropical Florida produce. Intrigued by the exotic exhibit and to escape the crowds, Birch took the summer off to travel south to Florida by ship. One of his fellow travelers was Henry Flagler himself, who invited Birch to his Palm Beach home. Once there, Flagler told Birch of his dream to extend his railroad all the way to Key West through the undeveloped sub-tropical wilderness of South Florida. Birch rented a sloop and sailed south. A storm forced him into an inlet where Bahia Mar is now, he fell in love with the area and decided to begin buying land.

Submitted by: Gale M. Butler, Executive Director, Friends of Birch State Park

Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended.

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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community. Examples include civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other categories.

ICE SKATER JOHN FLANAGAN WAS A CENTERPIECE OF THE FORT LAUDERDALE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY FOR THREE DECADES, BEGINNING IN THE LATE 1940'S, HE FIRST PERFORMED AS AN ICE COMEDIAN IN JACK VALENTINE'S DINNER THEATRE AND LATER PRODUCED AND STARRED IN "STARS ON ICE" AT THE SHERATON HOTEL ON FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH FOR A FIFTEEN-YEAR RUN.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE U.S., CANADA, AND SEVERAL COUNTRIES ABROAD, JOHN BROUGHT A FORM OF FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT TO THE AREA. HE WAS A FAVORITE OF LOCAL AUDIENCES AND MANY CELEBRITIES ATTENDED HIS SHOWS OVER THE YEARS. HIS AWARD AS A DELTA AIRLINES "FLYING COLONEL" ATTEST TO HIS SUCCESS AS A TOURIST ATTRACTION FOR THE COMMUNITY.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

SEE ATTACHED: 1) LETTER OF NOMINATION  
2) BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT  
3) SUPPORT MATERIALS

Submitted by: Haren Lynn Flanagan

Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended.

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## **NOMINATION OF JOHN FLANAGAN FOR FORT LAUDERDALE "WALK OF FAME"**

Entertainment has long been an integral part of the popularity of hotels along Fort Lauderdale's beach strip, pulling in tourists and locals alike from the late 1940s through the early 1980s. Johnny Flanagan, an ice skating comedian and ice show producer, was a big part of this industry. Case in point, he and Woody Woodbury were "must see" acts on everyone's list when being in Fort Lauderdale during these years.

During the late 1940s –early 1950s, when Johnny was the star attraction at Jack Valentine's Dinner Theatre on U.S. 1 Airport Road, the George Gill family members were repeat customers at the show; they said that someday they would build a hotel on the beach with a showroom and that they would put Johnny's show in it. That indeed did happen when George "Bob" Gill spearheaded the building of the Sheraton Hotel at 303 N. Atlantic Boulevard.

The "Cabaret Caprice" showroom opened in the Sheraton in 1964 with John Flanagan's "Stars on Ice." Continuing for fifteen consecutive years, the show was a hit from opening night. It became a well-known tourist attraction, having in attendance celebrities like Rocky Marciano, Ed McMahon, Della Reese, Susan Hayward, Johnny Weismuller, and Mickey Mantle. Industrial icons Roger Firestone and members of the Buick family, who spent winters aboard their yachts at Pier 66, were frequently found in the audience with many of their seasonal out of town guests.

In demand was always Johnny's "Wacky Wac" routine, making him a local celebrity. Pat Brown, entertainment writer for the *Sun Sentinel*, once remarked that John had done his "Wac" routine for so many years that he deserved to be buried at Arlington.

Delta Airlines featured the ice shows at the Sheraton Hotel in their "familiarization (FAM) trips" to acquaint travel agents with special attractions in South Florida as part of their promotional programs. Delta presented Johnny and his wife Karen with "flying colonel" and "flying orchid" awards respectively due to their cooperation in hosting Delta events.

Residents of Fort Lauderdale and the surrounding areas kept the ice show popular in the off-season with corporation dinners and birthday parties. New Xerox recruits who were housed at the hotel for many years attended the show annually. It was often said that nearly a generation was raised with good, wholesome entertainment that "Stars on Ice" provided.

John Flanagan recently has been inducted as a member of the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame in his native Michigan. He is also featured in interviews in the recently released film documentary, "The Fabulous Ice Age," which has been selected for several international film festivals. In this film, which chronicles the era of ice shows with dazzling production numbers and variety acts that dominated family entertainment for decades, John speaks of his years with "large-ice" shows, such as Sonja Henie and Ice Capades, and describes his " 'Wacky Wac' number which highlighted "small-ice" shows.



## **JOHN FLANAGAN**

### **Biographical Statement**

He auditioned for **Olympic Champion Sonja Henie's Ice Revue** as soon as he graduated from high school (1942). John was not only accepted for a chorus role, but immediately was given his own solo spot as an ice comedian in the show that toured the country.

During World War II, John joined the elite **10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Ski Troops** (1943-1945) to fight in the Italian Alps (Po River, north of Rome). While in training, he and several other professional ice skaters entertained at the famous ice venue, the **Broadmoor Ice Palace** in Colorado Springs, during their weekend breaks. They also performed in Switzerland after the war ended.

Directly following his discharge from the service, John toured the United States and Canada with **Ice Capades** for 2 ½ years as a comedy star. Among the cities which he played were Montreal, Toronto, Chicago, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Dallas, and Hollywood. While with Ice Capades, he made a **Pete Smith Newsreel Special, called "Ice Aces,"** which played in movie theatres all over the United States and in Europe. John later saw this in Paris while he was skating in the Lido Club show – all in French language.

John left Ice Capades to work as a **free-lance skater** and he starred in the **Stevens Hotel** in Chicago (1948); the **Hotel New Yorker** and the **Roxy Theatre** in New York (1949-1950). He toured Canada with **Canadian Olympic Champion Barbara Ann Scott** in her show, "**Skating Sensations,**" in 1950-51, then went on to the most famous nightclub in the world – the "**Lido de Paris**" (1952) in France.

He began **producing and skating in his own shows** in the 1950s and played many well-known clubs: **Ankara Club** (Pittsburgh, PA), **Glen Casino** (Buffalo, NY), **Plantation Club** (Nashville, TN), **Vagabond Club** (Miami, FL), **Jack Silverman's International Nightclub (Broadway in New York, NY)**, and in numerous Canadian cities. During these years, John also performed occasionally as a guest star. He was featured at **Madison Square Garden** in 1959. In 1962, he was featured at the **Cal-Neva Lodge** in Lake Tahoe.

John's **longest running engagement was at the Sheraton Hotel's Cabaret Caprice Room** in Fort Lauderdale, FL (1964-1979). Beginning with a four-week contract, the show was so popular that it was booked for 15 years. His **most famous routine was called the "Wacky Wac,"** which was a command performance every year. The closing of the show was noted by the **Miami Herald** in an article by Steve Sonsky headlined "**After 15 Years, Sheraton Ends Lauderdale's Coolest Hot Show.**" During the Fort Lauderdale Sheraton years, John was also contracted at **Diamond Jim's** in St. Paul, MN, for short stints during 1975-78.

John skated his last act of comedy at age 65 in his touring shows on synthetic ice. He continued to produce shows for the next 16 years. To name a few venues: **Aramco Properties** Saudi Arabia; **Minakami Hotel** Japan; **Theatre de Variete** Montreal; **Disney World** Orlando; **Trump Castle** Atlantic City; **Marco Polo Hotel** Miami; **Showboat** Clearwater; **The Breakers** Palm Beach; **Boca Raton Resort** Boca Raton; and **Sahara Tahoe** Lake Tahoe.

John still resides in Fort Lauderdale with his wife, Karen. They can be reached at 522-0084.





# Entertainment Views

By Bob Freund

forts, both in presentation and box-office.

Becoming as much of a Fort Lauderdale landmark as Woody Woolbury, the Mai-Kai and the beach, the ice show at the Cabaret Caprice of the Sheraton Hotel skated into its new edition this past week, and there is every indication it will match previous ef-

"Music on Ice" suffered a few opening and pre-opening upsets. Special film shot for Karen Lynn and Dick Maxfield's motorcycle pas de deux didn't arrive in time, so the pair just came on and skated without the elaborate intro. And



Maxfield suffered a skate-cut hand, which made his excellent offerings all the more difficult.

Still, due perhaps to a feeling of being on home ground in the familiar and

portion of his anatomy which hits the floor each time out with a resounding thump.

For what must have been the 50th time I've witnessed this act, I found myself laughing till the tears came. It is not only a tribute to Flanagan himself and his incredible durability, but to the creation itself. It is, and remains, one of the funniest routines ever evolved up, on or off the ice.

"Music on Ice" is good wholesome entertainment, fun for the entire family. And how many nightclubs can offer that!

we'll have to go back and catch some evening. The delayed film shows Miss Lynn and Maxfield cycling through town, and finally bursting, live and in





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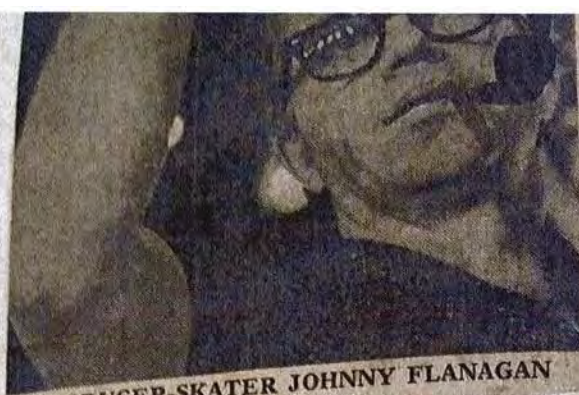
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PRODUCER-SKATER JOHNNY FLANAGAN  
... at Sheraton for eight years

PAT BROWN  
Nightclub Editor

Ever wonder how you get to be a topflight, professional ice skater? According to Johnny Flanagan, the easiest way is to get yourself born in a geographical location littered with ice and snow during the winter months. And start skating early in life.

Flanagan, producer and co-star of the ice show in the Sheraton hotel's Cabaret Caprice, took to the blades at the ripe old age of four in his home town, Escanaba, Mich.

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"It drops to 40 below zero in the winter," he says. "And there's nothing else to do."

### CHORUS JOB

Flanagan turned pro following graduation from high

school, via a chorus job with Sonja Henie. He confesses, however, that he was no great shakes.

"In fact, I was so bad they took me out of the line and gave me a solo spot. I had to do my thing alone. I made it a comedy routine I had worked up for ice carnivals on the upper Michigan peninsula. Miss Henie liked it, and I just sort of went on from there."

Going on from "there" turned up one dislocated shoulder, two broken ankles and a half-dozen surefire numbers such as rube, washerwoman, and gay 90's routines — plus several calling for animal costumes which included a skate job as the rear end of a horse.

### WACKY WAC

His best known and most popular routine, of course, is the Wacky WAC which he originated back in 1949 for one of the late Jack Valentine shows. It still brings down the house.

"At first," he says, "it was just a straight bit in a ridiculous looking costume. But I kept adding stuff, such as the sergeant barking out the drill orders, and first thing you know it was a whole new concept."

"You can't just make up an act overnight," he adds. "It actually takes years to perfect."

The WAC bit, incidentally, introduced his most difficult piece of blade work—a back



MOST POPULAR ROUTINE, 'WACKY WAC'  
... originated for Valentine's

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# SPOTLIGHT

by

Mary Lou Kennedy



Since this is the most colorful season of the year, we thought it proper to spotlight the most colorful review on the Gold Coast. . . December Mid-Nite Sun salutes Johnny Flanagan and his fantastic production of "ICE INTERNATIONAL", present going full-force in the Hotel Sheraton's Cafe Caprice. . . Flanagan has outdone himself this year, and if you're unable to take that long desired trek across the

big pond, you can enjoy the next best thing by watching ten tremendous acts that will take you to several important corners of the world. . .

**ON ICE!** Scenes include Jet Away (The Jet Set), Dublin's Darlin's (Karen Lynn & Arthur Newman), Matador D'Spana (Manuel Del Toro), Alpine Aristocrat (Swiss Miss is Traudy Kerst, Line Captain. . . Vienna Nights (entire cast). Scene six spots handsome vocalist Mark Eastman in "This Is Your

Captain. . . Singing"! Lunar landing stars Manuel Del Toro. . . Gypsy Mystique with Karen and Dick Maxfield. . .

Scene nine (the ever-luvable) Wacky Wac with Johnny Flanagan doing his hilarious "thing". . .

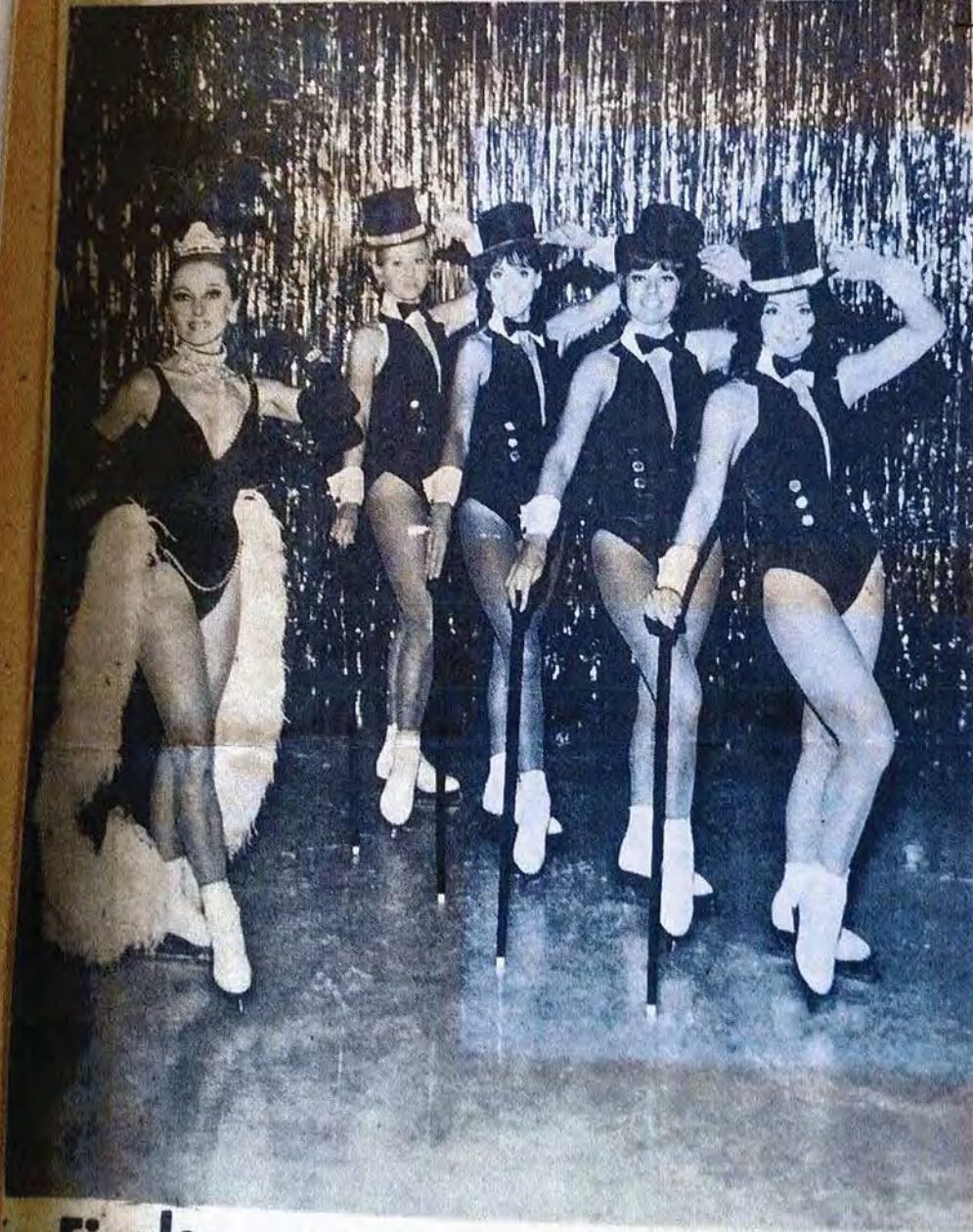
Finale is called 'Broadway Nostalgia' featuring Karen Lynn and the beautiful Sheronettes. . . Traudy Kerst, Janice Adams, Pat Sonberg and Marilyn Teig. . . That fine musical background is under the direc-

tion of Bob Christopher, longtime member of the "Ice clan." One of the highlights of the show is a precious St. Bernard. . . head and shoulders being handled by Dick Maxfield with the Wacky Wac (Johnny Flanagan) carrying on the "rear duties". All in all, this is by far one of the finest revues ever to be presented in our area. . .

If you're planning a nite on the town (whether it's just for you and your gal OR the entire family) Ice International is your 1st bet. . .

Get up to the Cafe Caprice pronto. . . Tellem' Pussycat Sencha!

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**Finale**

**Karen Lynn and The Sheronettes**





Entertainment

# 'Ice-Centennial' Production A First Class Extravaganza

**ICE-CENTENNIAL**—Twelfth annual musical review on ice in the Cabaret Caprice, Sheraton Hotel. Produced and directed by Johnny Flanagan; choreographed by Karen Lynn. With Mark Eastham, Dick Maxfield, Manuel Del Toro, the Sheratonettes. Musical direction by Bob Christopher. Nightly except Monday (8 p.m. weeknights, 7:30-10:30 Saturdays, 6-9 Sundays). \$4 cover, two-drink minimum for non-dinner guests.

What the new ice extravaganza at the Sheraton Hotel doesn't have—it doesn't need. "Ice-Centennial" is veteran producer-skater Johnny Flanagan's most polished, wide-ranging show ever.

No, it hasn't grown much in sheer size although the rink itself is a bit longer than in the past. But it is a more mature, sparkling production than before. Assisted by wife Karen Lynn's fluid choreography, "Ice-Centennial" has jumped out of the "house revue" stage into the world of production.

Opening night (Saturday) had its share of kinks, but none which can't be worked out quickly.

Only one aspect of the show seemed out of place, so we'll dispense with it quickly.

In several instances where recorded music is used to flesh out a scene, performers were required to lip-sync their musical numbers. With voices as good as Mark Eastham's, that seems a waste of good talent.

In most instances, however, the use of a full-blown orchestra on soundtrack did much to enhance the Bob Christopher orchestra. It's a standard technique with many large productions elsewhere but, considering the physical aspects of the Cabaret Caprice, seems most suited here.

The opener, entitle "Sparkle and Swing," introduces the entire cast. Eastham leads with a vocal and Miss Lynn performs an adagio on ice.

That's followed by Flanagan in a special for the youngsters, a brief flirt with the audience as a kangaroo with blades instead of hoofs.

Manuel Del Toro gets the first spotlight in "Espana Cani," a smart solo followed by Billy Ray's comedy and juggling routine.

Miss Lynn follows in another solo, "Scintillatin' Miss," done to the sound of Eastham's "For Once In My Life." A fluid ballet for most of its length, it becomes a mod, gyrating piece toward the conclusion—but finishes in a spin which turns the lively lady into a virtual blur.

"Sacrificial Rain Legend" is the show's production number, an intelligently conceived and well-paced conglomeration of jungle rhythms and risqué innuendoes. With a minimum of staging and props, the production team has created a floor show aura with this concoction that goes a long way toward capping the evening.

And best of all, perhaps, is the fact that the Sheraton has managed without a hint of kinky routines. Del Toro portrays an Indian chieftan (setting appears to be early Mexico or Central American rain forests). Miss Lynn is the sacrificial victim and Maxfield the protagonist. Around them swirl the Sheratonettes. The lively, surprising conclusion I leave for your own discovery.

Back again (of course!) is Johnny Flanagan's "Wacky WAC," introduced by a lengthy and hilarious film clip. Flanagan says the film has been used in the past, but it's as cute and spritely as his live performance. And, by the way, don't let the "clumsy" antics fool you! The concluding "Bicentennial Salute" is where the show's title is



**JACK ZINK**  
Entertainment Editor

derived. Led off by the Sheratonettes in a Ziegfeld Follies-type the quartet is eventually joined by the entire cast for a finale to of "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and a glittering flag which fills the stage.

It's crisp and fast; paced just so to deliver the maximum without ever overstaying its peaks. "Ice-Centennial" promises of the most successful productions ever mounted locally.





# AT SUNDOWN With Ott Cefkin

## 'Cabaret On Ice' A Winner

Over the past 10 years, Johnny Flanagan has produced about 20 ice shows at the Sheraton Hotel.

That's a lot of ice shows. Even is you scraped them all up and dumped them into an ice bin, that's a lot of shows. The unusual thing, however, is he's never come up with a poor one. They've all been hits.

Some have been better more glittering than others, but even the less fortunate productions had a flow and character that made them kind of special.

This is again unusual because the presentations were formula. The design was the same regardless of content and the sameness was inescapable.

The magic, clearly, was in the Flanagan ingenuity and that of Karen Lynn, his choreographer, bride and ballerina supreme.

"Cabaret On Ice," Flanagan's latest offering, is blessed with this creativeness, not just in individual numbers, but throughout the most of the show.

From its opening number, blending the cast and the Bob Christopher orchestra into a tape of "Rare Earth" singing "I Just Want to Celebrate"

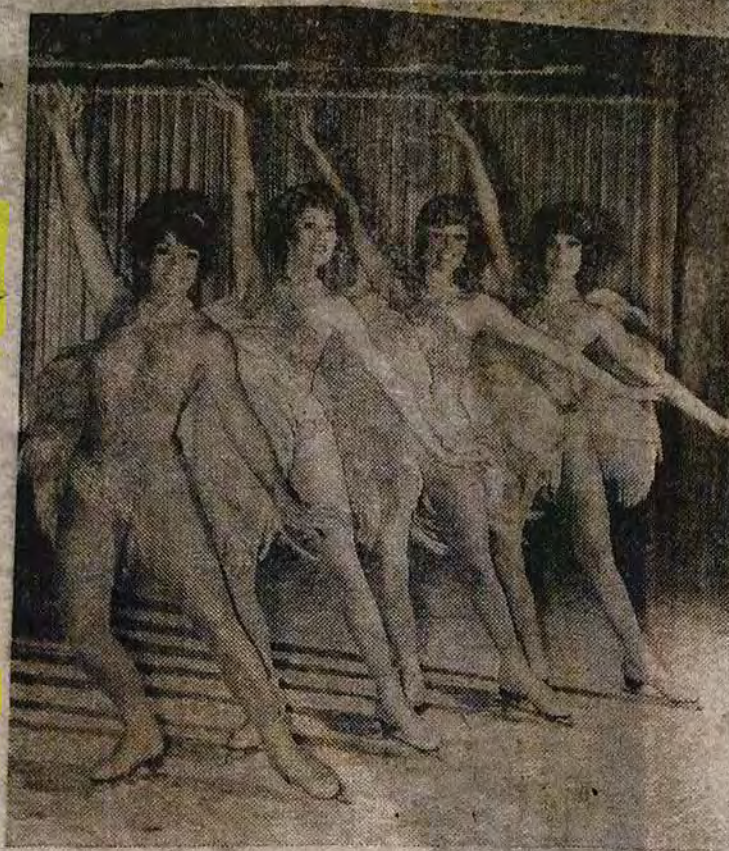
the show hums with excitement.

It's an ingenious opening number, marked with simple, but effective choreography and at once a momentum is

established that never quits.

It rams on to specialty numbers by Karen, principal skaters, Dick Maxfield and Joe

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The Show Hums With Excitement

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Parks a vocal singer Mark Easth course, the expect act.

That corner. Eddie Garson a who rode the big Senior Wences mov out of the era of gan and Charlie M

Garson's act i dated, but it's no when he takes pup "Chico" out of a to gets involved in a way conversation v ters invented b eyes.

This flows into and beautifully number tagged "Love Story." It's a Tschaikovsky and song from "Dr. Z here, Karen delive tic performance.

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And of course, th agan in his clas "Wac" routine and in which he appea in an animal co time it's a lions curlers and it ad right touch to the sentation.

The show could tie tightening up



Sheraton Hotel



# Sheraton Unveils New Spectacular

Honors for the biggest package of talent in the area have to go to the Sheraton hotel which has just unveiled another ice show, the first offering on the nightclub's roster of entertainment features for the winter season.

Producer Johnny Flanagan

bucked tradition by opening on Friday the 13th. Nothing much went wrong. Except that the bubble machine, for the final failed to arrive in time; the movie sequence used for a scene opener was also missing. Mark Eastham was a bit shook due to an auto mishap on his way to the hotel; Dick Mansfield went through his routines with six stitches in his hand, suffered from a cut acquired during rehearsal, and Karen Lynn's costume for her big number showed up only an hour before curtain-time. The head-dress didn't fit so she went on without it.

## HAS COLOR

In spite of the jinx, the hotel's Cabaret Caprice came through with another refrigerated revue which has color



**PAT BROWN**  
Nightclub Editor

and action via top bladework, eye-catching costumes and special lighting effects.

The new edition, called *Music On Ice — 20th Century In Review*, introduces a cast of 10 in 10 show scenes, plus musical director Bob Christoper and his band in an intermission titled "Days Of The Big Band Sound."

The show opens with a turn-of-the-century number starring Karen as the now-famous "Dolly," and it winds up with "Happy Days Are Here Again," featuring the entire cast.

## IN BETWEEN

In between — Billy Raye who does some expert juggling on skates as well as a

unicycle; Karen and Mansfield as king and queen of the road with some magnificent lifts and a back somersault; a tribute to Sonia Henie (who invented ice skating) complete with white feather fans, blonde wigs, revolving mirrored ball and ice vapor.

## ANIMAL ACT

The sounds of the '30s were represented by Eastham's solo vocals spot and a dance hall scene from the Prohibition era appropriately dubbed "Bathub Gin Never Leaves a Ring," featuring Karen, Eastham, Maxfield, Arthur Newman, and a chorus line of four.

Traditionally, the revue includes an "animal" act. This



**JOHNNY FLANAGAN**  
... wacky 'WAC'

time it's Flanagan as a king-size panda. Also, traditionally, we have Johnny back as the wacky WAC. Latter routine, however, has been given a new twist — the chorus line as a drill team, wearing sexy-looking costumes composed mostly of uniform jackets only. (If this is the way they dressed in the Army I'm surprised we won the war.)

Johnny, of course, is a superb skater, a fact that may generally be overlooked in view of the comic aspects of the routine.

The revue has been choreographed by Karen, every inch a star, herself; the fresh and pretty costumes are by Gleason's longtime designer, Lee Carol.

Show On Ice

'Music On Ice' A Excellent T



and at her left is his wife Rose.

## Sheraton, Ft. Lau'dale

Ft. Lauderdale, Nov. 1.

Johnny Flanagan's "Ice Internationale," with Karen Flynn, Dick Maxfield, Arthur Newman, Manuel del Toro, Mark Eastham and chorus; Bob Christopher Orch; lighting, Tabacco; costumes, Carol and Webster Arnold; two shows nightly from \$5.95, 1-drink minimum on weekends.

The Ft. Lauderdale season officially opened with a new ice revue in the Cabaret Caprice, believed to be the only year-round dinner show on blades in the country today. This year, Johnny Flanagan has staged each segment against worldwide backgrounds: Ireland, the Moon, Spain, Switzerland, Austria and Broadway.

Leprechauns join the fun in Dublin via a film on a side-screen. Manuel del Toro stomps an ice-splintering zapatata in Madrid. Traudy Kerst shares Alpine honors with a gigantic (two-man) St. Bernard.

In Vienna, Karen Flynn and Dick Maxfield execute a skillful adagio and perform a gypsy dance, both difficult numbers on a 20 x 21 ft. rink. Mark Eastham adds appropriate solos to each setting.

Flanagan also does his annual version of the skating Wacky Wac, always an audience must. Show ends with the cast swirling to a group of nostalgic musical numbers. Bob Christopher orch backs the show and plays interim for dancing.

Culm.



# Lifestyle/Today

## It's Time To Play Tourist

By Rochelle Koff  
Staff Writer

**Henry Morrison Flagler Museum:** Mary Lily Flagler's desire for a marble palace inspired Henry Flagler to build a \$4-million Palm Beach mansion in 1901.

In addition to wandering around the marble palace, you can see a variety of exhibits such as Flagler's private railroad car.

**Flagler Museum:** 1 Whitehall Way, just off Coconut Road, Palm Beach, is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except Monday. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children six to 12, children under 12 admitted free. Call 655-2635.

**Lion Country Safari:** Grab your camera and capture the beauty of Africa's wild animals right in Palm Beach County. If you drive up soon, you'll be able to glimpse at a baby ostrich, waterbuck and zebra along with the other 650 animals.

The 120-acre park offers a walk-through section in addition to the drive-in safari. It is on State Road 90, off Exit 40 on the Florida Turnpike or Exit 50 (Southern Boulevard) off I-95. Admission is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.25 for children 5 to 11, and includes a boat, train and jeep ride.

**Sheraton Ice Show:** When the sun sets on a sweltering Florida afternoon, cool off the evening with the Sheraton Ice Show. Karen Lynn stars in a colorful performance which is one of the more unique entertainment acts in the area.

Shows are Tuesday through Friday with dinner seating at 7 p.m., showtime 8:30. Saturday dinner seating at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., showtimes at 7:15 and 10.

**Self-Guided City Tour:** Take an hour or two and explore Fort Lauderdale's beaches, historic areas, public parks and museums with the help of the city's self-guided tour which takes you past Idlewild Drive, Cooley Hammock Park, King-Cromartie house and Fort Everglades. Pick up a copy at city hall or from the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society or the Broward County Historical Commission.

**Castle Park:** One of the newest







Delta Air Lines presents the Orchid and Flying Colonel awards to ice skating stars of the Fort Lauderdale Sheraton Hotel's famous Ice Show. Karen Lynn and Johnny Flanagan. Presenting the award is Bob Six, marketing representative of Delta. The awards were given in recognition of super entertainment for the out of town travel agents while on a familiarization tour of Fort Lauderdale area, sponsored by Delta Airlines.





**JOHNNY FLANAGAN** is perhaps the best known comedian ice skater in the ice show business today. Flanagan is now appearing at the Fort Lauderdale Sheraton Hotel Cabaret Caprice ice show "Ice Centennial". Johnny Flanagan is known for his "Wacky Wac" act and animal capers. He starred in many ice revues in Europe and Canada, and then opened the Fort Lauderdale Sheraton Hotel Ice Show in 1964, which has run for the last 11 years.

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Mr. Johnny Flanagan  
Sheraton-Fort Lauderdale Hotel  
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Dear Mr. Flanagan:

I just wanted to drop you this note to congratulate your entire cast and particularly you as producer for the superb show you have this season.

Over the past years, I have had occasion to see your show several times during each season by virtue of taking businessmen to the show and my own family as well. I think your show this year is the best I have seen, in fact, it is so good that I wanted to write you this letter of congratulations.

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Choreographer and Stars  
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Lynn straps on her skates  
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Sunday, August 5,



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Johnny Flanagan's classic "Wacky Wac"  
act in the Sheraton Hotel ice show



Among Fort Lauderdale's traditional entertainment 'establishment' are, clockwise from above, Jay Wray, Ron Campbell, Ray Marco, Woody Woodbury, Artie 'Sax' Collier, Johnny Flanagan's 'Wacky WAC' at the Sheraton Ice Show and the Mai-Kai Polynesian Revue.



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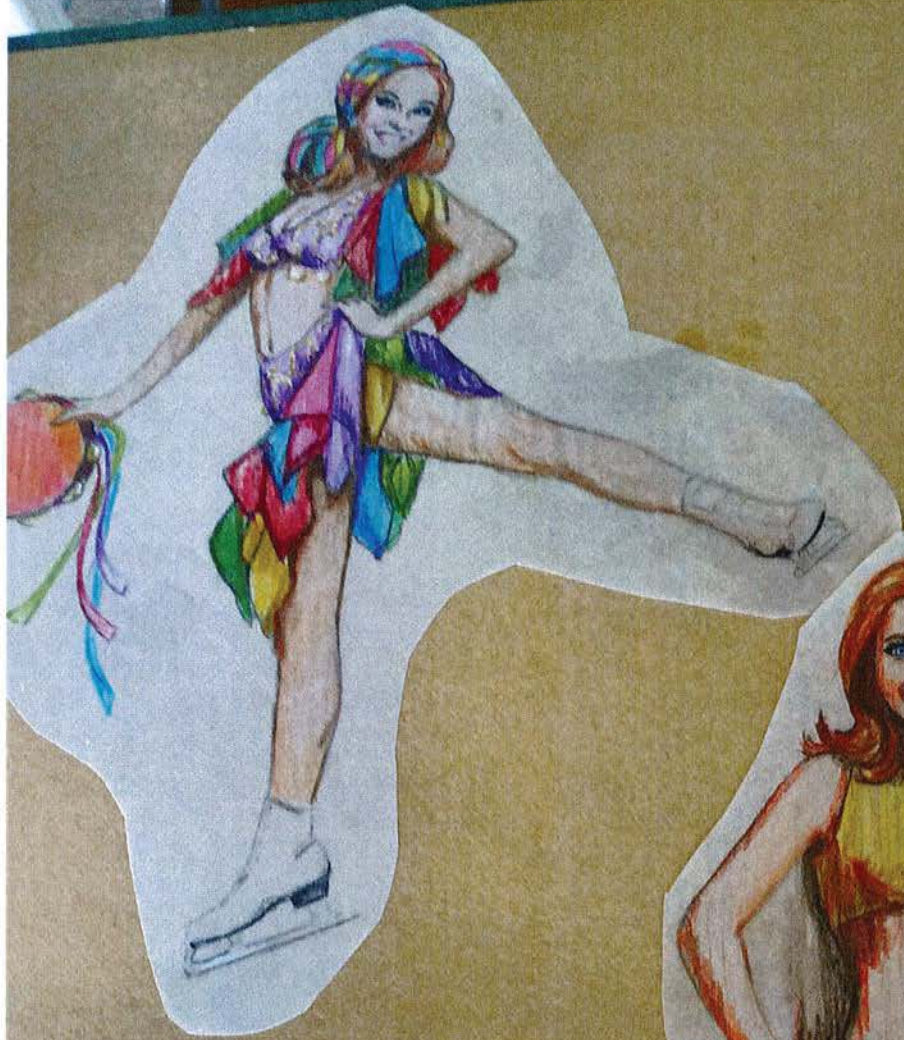
The Paradise Social Club of Paradise-by-Sea in Hallandale featured a gala evening at the Hotel Sheraton's Cabaret Caprice "Ice Follies" on Sunday Evening Oct. 24th. In the center is the show's star Karen Lynn, at her right is Irving Newman the club's president and at her left is his wife Rose.

**Sheraton, Ft. Lau'dale**

Ft. Lauderdale, Nov. 1.

Johnny Flanagan's "Ice Internat.





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**The Sheraton Show's On Ice**

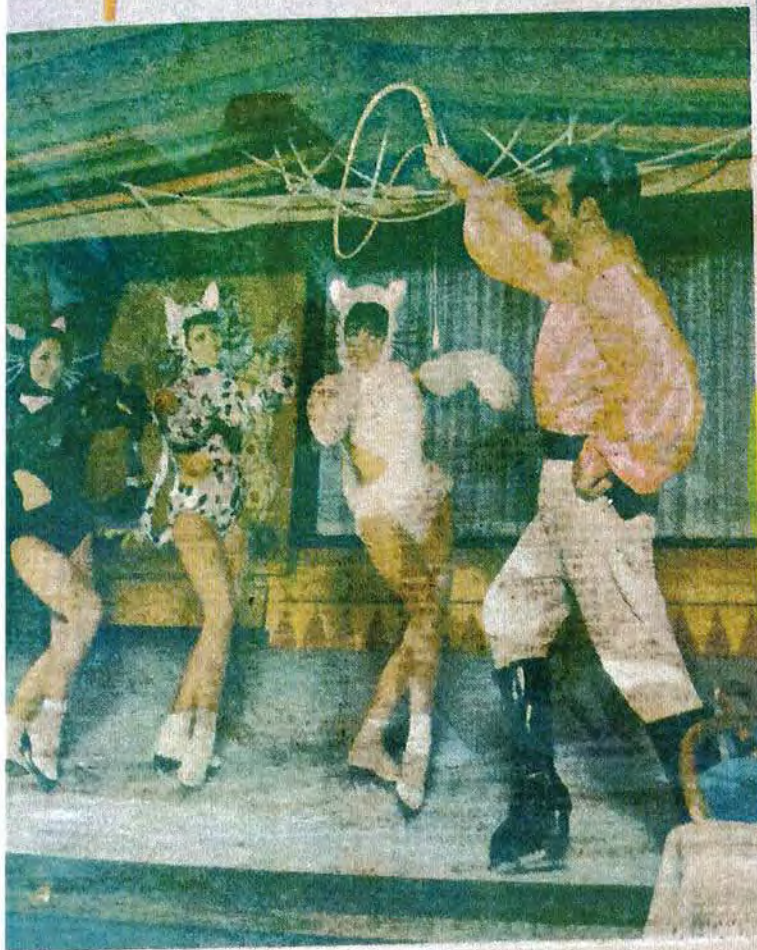


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## THE GREATEST SHOW ON ICE



In most places around the country, the chance to see an ice show or a circus is a rare treat. But Karen Lynn and Johnny Flanagan have combined the two for their 13th edition of the Cabaret Caprice ice show with "Circus On Ice." And it doesn't look as if 13 will be an unlucky number. See story on page 10.



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# 'Ice Show' still fine family fare

THE ICE SHOW — Revue on ice produced by Johnny Flanagan and starring Karen Lynn, transplanted from the Sheraton Hotel in Fort Lauderdale to the Persian Room of the Marco Polo Hotel on Miami Beach. Admission is \$7.50, includes two drinks. Additional drinks are \$1.65. Dinners available.

By Ray Recchi  
Showtime Editor

For the first time in 15 years, Johnny Flanagan is not presenting an entirely new revue on ice. Flanagan was more concerned about relocating his operation than coming up with new ideas, routines and costumes, not to mention the rehearsal time a new revue would require.

After management of the Sheraton, long-time home of the ice show, decided to change the image of the hotel, Flanagan began

looking for a new room. His options were limited — he needed a stage big enough to accommodate the show and a room with enough seats and a good enough locale to make it pay. In the Persian Room of the Marco Polo, he has found the perfect solution, and managed to keep the show within easy driving distance of its loyal supporters.

Some of the routines are different, although the theme piece of last year's show, a futuristic space scene based on *Star Wars*, remains the same. Dick Genobsek reprises his impressive "Sky-High" number, a routine on stilts with Carol Beatty. Flanagan's Wacky Wac is back, although it was cut from the opening night show because of a minor injury to Flanagan. And, possibly in an effort to get the new audiences used to the idea, the production is called, simply, *The Ice Show*.

Still, with all the problems involved, Flanagan has managed to produce an entertaining and often exciting revue for a nominal charge. Tickets cost \$7.50 per person and include two drinks. Additional drinks are only \$1.65, well below what one would expect to pay in a showroom. All course dinners are also available at reasonable prices.

The show opens with a salute to New York, a smart, if somewhat old, piece which serves to introduce the cast. Recorded music is mixed with a five-piece ensemble rather sparsely, although the sound system does a little adjusting at times. Costumes are colorful and well-used for the entire evening.

Manuel Del Toro is impressive in all spots, including a calypso segment in which he is featured. He is an excellent skater with a strong stage personality. In the space segment, he and Karen Lynn provide the evening's exciting moments with a

brilliant adagio. Miss Lynn is as good as ever, holding things together and making it look easy. Chris Lepere is good, if somewhat tentative, in his solo spots.

Genobsek is another exciting performer. For the "Sky High" segment, he performed on skates with the blades extended by poles about two feet from the bottom of his shoes. The segment is highlighted by his skating between four grapefruit both forward and backward, and ends with him slicing the final grapefruit neatly in half with one skate. An adagio on stilts with Carol Beatty is well-done.

The novelty acts are just a tad above mediocre. Billy Raye is billed as a comedy juggler, although he is much better at juggling than comedy. Still, he manages to provide a short change of pace. Comedian Billy Michaels has not changed much of his

material, relying on a series of drunk jokes which run out of gas in a hurry. But he too has a few good moments.

The chorus line is a good one, although Flanagan might want to think again about calling the former Sheratonettes the "Polo Pretties," a somewhat awkward designation.

The show's finale, a nostalgic tribute to rock 'n' roll, is a the weak

point, mainly because it hurts the pacing of the show. If it were done earlier, it might be stronger. But, coming as it does at the end of the show when the pace has been building, it fails rather flat.

But the Ice Show is still fine family fare at a fair price, a professionally produced and executed show which provides a change of pace from the disco-rock-showband formula.



Karen Lynn and Manuel Del Toro in their outer space segment from *The Ice Show*.

PEAR Johnny - The Ice Show is just sensational!! I'm going to give it a "RAVE REVIEW" if you dare offering top notch family entertainment at the highest level of professionalism. I loved every minute! Good luck! + Congratulations - [Signature]

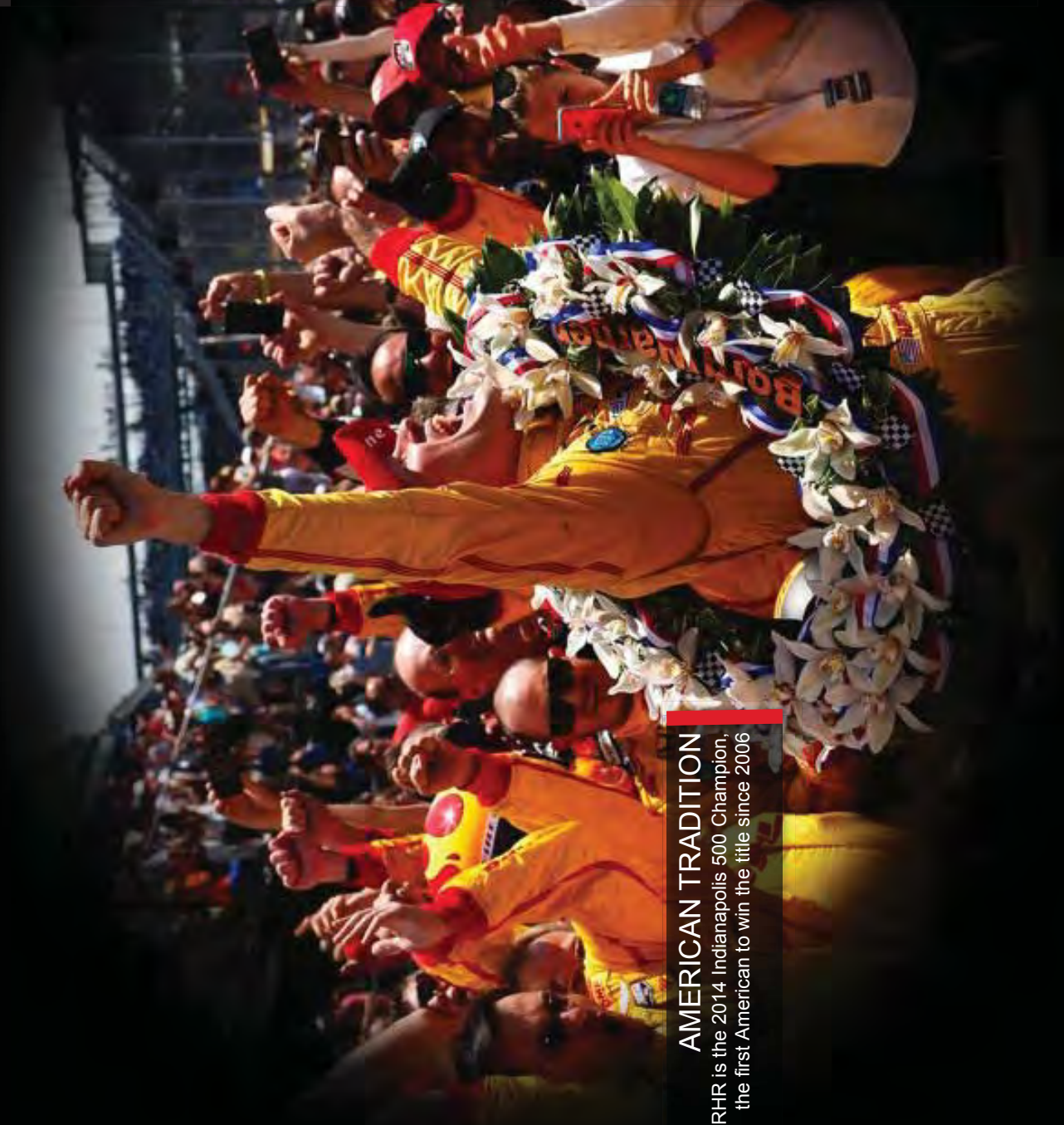


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RHR signed to drive for Andretti Autosport in January 2010 and promptly won the prestigious Long Beach Grand Prix, the fourth race of his first season with the team, capturing Andretti Autosport's first victory under the sole ownership of racing legend Michael Andretti.

## OFF TO A QUICK START

Hunter-Reay started the 2014 season with a bang, finishing on the podium in four of the first eight races, including wins at the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama and 'The Greatest Spectacle In Racing' the highly coveted Indianapolis 500.



# CAREER HIGHLIGHTS



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Has led more than 1,000 laps in his open-wheel career

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# UNDER THE HELMET

## VICTORY CIRCLE

The Hunter-Reay family with the Borg Warner Trophy. Following Ryan's Indianapolis 500 victory. The trophy bears the likeness of every Indy 500 winner dating back to the race's first running in 1911.

### BORN

December 17, 1980 in Dallas, TX

### LIVES

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

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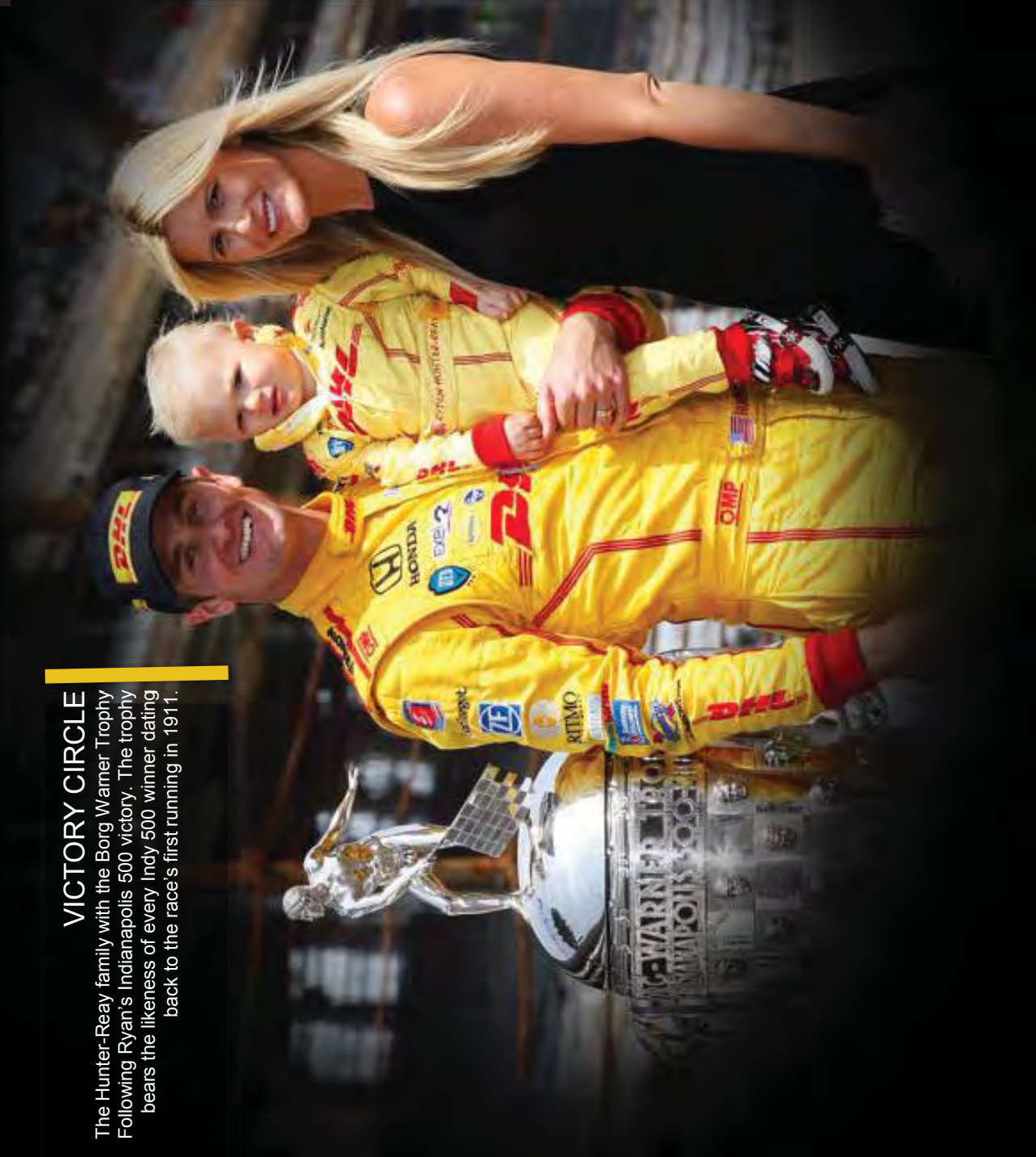
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## HOMETOWN FAN

The South Florida resident is a fan of both the Miami Dolphins and the Miami Heat and takes in games at every opportunity

## SIT. STAY.

The Hunter-Reay household is home to two Golden Retrievers: Captain and Charlie



# WANT TO KNOW MORE?



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## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

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<i>IndyCar Series: Indy Grand Prix Of Alabama Winner</i>	IndyCar, 2013
<i>2012 IZOD IndyCar Series Champion</i>	IndyCar, 2012
<i>IndyCar Series: A.J. Foyt Trophy Winner</i>	IndyCar, 2012
<i>IndyCar Series: Grand Prix of Baltimore Winner</i>	IndyCar, 2012
<i>IndyCar Series: Three in a row wins, Milwaukee, Iowa &amp; Toronto</i>	IndyCar, 2012
<i>IndyCar Series: New Hampshire Winner</i>	IndyCar, 2011
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### 2014 : INDYCAR SERIES / GRAND-AM ROLEX SERIES

- Winner of Indianapolis 500
- Winner of Iowa Corn Indy 300 & Grand Prix of Alabama
- 2nd Place finishes at St. Petersburg, Sonoma and the Inaugural Grand Prix of Indianapolis
- Verizon P1 Award: Grand Prix of Long Beach
- 3rd Place finish at the Rolex 24 at Daytona with Level 5 Motorsports

### 2013 : INDYCAR SERIES / GRAND-AM ROLEX SERIES / ALMS

- Winner of Milwaukee IndyFest
- 2nd Place finish at Indy Dual in Detroit: Race 1
- 3rd Place finish at the Indianapolis 500
- Winner of Grand Prix of Alabama
- 2-time Verizon P1 Award: Grand Prix of Alabama & Sao Paulo Indy 300
- 2nd Place finish at the Rolex 24 at Daytona with Level 5 Motorsports



## 2012 : INDYCAR SERIES / GRAND-AM ROLEX SERIES / ALMS

- IZOD IndyCar Series Champion
- A.J. Foyt Trophy Winner for most points in oval races
- Winner of Grand Prix of Baltimore
- Three in a row wins, Milwaukee, Iowa & Toronto
- Qualified on Pole at Edmonton Indy Grand Prix
- 3rd Place finish at the IndyCar season opener, Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg
- 2nd Place finish at the Sao Paulo Indy 300
- Front Row starting position for the 2012 Indianapolis 500
- Joined SRT Viper Racing and will drive the SRT Viper GTS-R at Road Atlanta later this year

## 2011 : INDYCAR SERIES / GRAND-AM ROLEX SERIES / ALMS

- Finished seventh in IZOD IndyCar Series standings for Andretti Autosport
- Recorded victory at New Hampshire, leading final 17 laps, for fifth career victory
- Posted nine top-10 finishes and consecutive front-row starts at Long Beach and Sao Paulo
- Running at the finish in 14 of the 17 races
- Won the 12 Hours of Sebring in LMP2 with Level 5 Motorsports
- Named LIVESTRONG Global Envoy
- Drives the #28 IndyCar for the 28 million people worldwide fighting cancer

## 2010 : INDYCAR SERIES / GRAND-AM ROLEX SERIES / ALMS

- Signed to Drive for Michael Andretti's new Andretti Autosport Team in the IZOD #37 Entry
- Won the Long Beach Grand Prix. First American to win that race since Michael Andretti in 2002
- Finished seventh in IZOD IndyCar Series standings for Andretti Autosport
- Won at Long Beach for fourth career victory
- Recorded six top-five and 12 top-10 finishes overall
- Led four races for 87 laps, including 64 at Long Beach
- Advanced 17 positions to finish fifth at Kansas and seventh at Texas
- Competed in the 12 Hours of Sebring with Level 5 Motorsports in LMPC, ALMS
- Finished 3rd in the Daytona 24 Hour Race with Level 5 Motorsports, Grand-Am Rolex Series
- Founded Racing For Cancer in his late mother's honor to help in the global fight against cancer

## 2009 : INDYCAR SERIES / GRAND-AM ROLEX SERIES

- 2009 St. Petersburg Grand Prix obtained best finish in the history of the Vision Racing Team
- Drove for Tony George's Vision Racing and then for A.J. Foyt Racing

## 2008 : INDYCAR SERIES / GRAND-AM ROLEX SERIES

- 2008 IRL IndyCar Rookie of the Year / Finished 6th of 33 Cars Entered in his first Indy 500 Race
- Selected by IZOD to Represent the IZOD Brand in IndyCar / Personal Sponsorship with IZOD
- Won the Watkins Glen Grand Prix, Watkins Glen New York / 3rd at Surfers Paradise Australia
- Finished 8th in the IndyCar Championship in his first full year in IndyCar

## 2007 : INDYCAR SERIES / GRAND-AM ROLEX SERIES / NASCAR / AIGP

- 2007 IRL Rookie of the Year / Series Record for winning ROY in the least amount of starts (6)
- Rahal Letterman Team Ethanol IndyCar #17 / Started 6 races with 3 top 7 results and 3 DNF's
- Best Road Course qualifying result for Rahal Letterman Racing in the IRL, 5th at Belle Isle
- Grand-Am selected to partner NASCAR Cup Champion Jimmie Johnson, Goossens & Matthews
- Loves Pontiac Prototype Riley #91 / Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona / Watkins Glen / Mid-Ohio
- Riley-Matthews Pontiac Riley #91 1st Place Sunchaser 1000k Miller Motorsports Park, Utah
- Testing for Robby Gordon Motorsport in the NASCAR Nextel CUP Car of Tomorrow (COT)
- A1GP TeamUSA New Zealand, Scored points and recorded best debut for a Team USA driver

## 2006 : GRANDAMERICAN ROLEX SERIES / NASCAR

- SunTrust Pontiac Prototype / Sunchaser 9 Hour Endurance Race / Led 30 Laps until mechanical
- SAMAX Porsche GT3: 3 Podiums in 4 Starts / Best result for the team for the Year
- General Motors NASCAR Evaluation Program Invitee and Finalist

## 2005 : CHAMPCAR WORLD SERIES

- Rocketsports Racing (#31 Lola / Ford Cosworth)

## 2004 : CHAMPCAR WORLD SERIES

- ChampCar World Series: Team Herdez Competition (#4 Lola / Ford Cosworth)
- Recorded second ChampCar Victory at The Milwaukee Mile
- Earned first ChampCar Pole Position, qualified 100% of the time in the top ten
- Series record for the most laps led in a single race in the history of ChampCar (250 Laps)



- Lapped every car in a race with the exception of two (Milwaukee)
- Team Records: 1st Pole and 1st Win from the pole in the history of the team

## 2003 : CHAMPCAR WORLD SERIES (CART)

- American Spirit Team Johansson (#31 Reynard / Ford / Cosworth)
- Captured first career ChampCar World Series Victory at Surfer's Paradise, Australia
- Became the first American rookie to Win a ChampCar race in 20 years
- Posted teams 1st front row start & 1st Podium (Mid-Ohio), 1st Race Fast Time (Mexico), and 1st Win

## 2002 : FORMULA TOYOTA ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

- Hylton Motorsports
- Three race Wins (Laguna Seca / Chicago / Cleveland) & Three Pole Positions
- Season records for most Wins, Poles, Laps Lead, Race Fast Times and Track Records
- Won BBS "Rising Star" Award & World Com "Fastest Driver" Award for most fastest Race laps

## 2001 : BARBER DODGE PRO SERIES

- Two race wins (Lime Rock / Toronto), 5th in the Championship

## 2000 : BARBER DODGE PRO SERIES

- "Rookie of the Year" / 5th in the Championship

## 1999 : FORMULA BARBER DODGE

- National Champion / Eastern Series Champion / "Scholarship Winner"

## 1998 - 1996

- Six Time WKA / FIA National Series Champion / Three Time Grand National Champion



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# Ryan Hunter-Reay

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**Ryan Hunter-Reay** (born December 17, 1980) is a professional American racing driver best known as a winner of both the Indianapolis 500 (2014) and the Verizon IndyCar Series championship 2012. In each accomplishment Hunter-Reay became the first American to win since Sam Hornish, Jr. in 2006. Hunter-Reay also won in the defunct Champ World Series twice and the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach. In addition to his experience in Indy car racing Hunter-Reay has competed in the Race of Champions, A1 Grand Prix and various forms of sports car racing (the American Le Mans Series, the Rolex Grand-Am Sports Car Series and the IMSA Tudor United SportsCar Championship).

Hunter-Reay currently drives for Andretti Autosport. When Hunter-Reay initially joined Andretti for the 2010 he was only signed on to drive for a partial season. Additional sponsorship was found and Hunter-Reay began to drive the entire season for Andretti. Hunter-Reay has since won both the Indianapolis 500 and the Verizon IndyCar Series championship.

Hunter-Reay currently drives the number 28 car in the Verizon IndyCar Series. The number is a show of support for the estimated 28 million people living with cancer worldwide. Hunter-Reay, who lost his mother to colon cancer in 2009, continues to be a leader in the fight against cancer and serves as a special envoy for the Livestrong Foundation (for which he is now the primary spokesman in light of a series of scandals in 2012 involving foundation founder Lance Armstrong) and serves as an ambassador for Racing for Cancer, an organization founded in 2010 to help build awareness in the global fight against cancer.<sup>[1]</sup>

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## Career history

### Early career

After winning 6 national karting championships in the World Karting Association Hunter-Reay won a Skip Barber Karting Scholarship to race in Skip Barber Formula Dodge Series presented by Racer in 1999. Hunter-Reay won the series championship. Hunter-Reay then won a shootout against Formula Dodge drivers for the Skip Barber Big Scholarship and its \$250,000 prize. Hunter-Reay would use the scholarship money to compete in the Barber Dodge Pro Series in 2000.

### Ryan Hunter-Reay



Hunter-Reay in 2010

<b>Nationality</b>	American	
<b>Born</b>	December 17, 1980 <div>Dallas, Texas, United States</div>	
<b>Championship titles</b>		
<b>1999</b>	BFGoodrich/Skip Barber National Presented by Mazda champion	
<b>2010</b>	Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach winner	
<b>2012</b>	Verizon IndyCar Series champion	
<b>2012</b>	A.J. Foyt Oval champion	
<b>2014</b>	Indianapolis 500 winner	
<b>Awards</b>		
<b>1997</b>	Skip Barber Big Scholarship	
<b>2000</b>	Barber Dodge Pro Series Rookie of the Year	
<b>2002</b>	WorldCom Rising Star Award	
<b>2007</b>	Verizon IndyCar Series Rookie of the Year Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year	
<b>2008</b>	Best Driver ESPY Award	
<b>2013</b>	Best Driver ESPY Award	
<b>2014</b>		
<b>Champ Car career</b>		
43 races run over 3 years		
<b>Years active</b>	2003–2005	
<b>Team(s)</b>	American Spirit Team Johansson (2003) <div>Herdez Competition (2004)</div> <div>Rocketsports Racing (2005)</div>	
<b>Best finish</b>	9th – 2004	
<b>First race</b>	2003 Grand Prix of St. Petersburg (Streets of St. Petersburg)	
<b>Last race</b>	2005 Hurricane Relief 400 (Las Vegas)	
<b>First win</b>	2003 Lexmark Indy 300 (Surfers Paradise)	
<b>Last win</b>	2004 Time Warner Cable Road Runner 250 (Milwaukee)	
<b>Wins</b>	<b>Podiums</b>	<b>Poles</b>
2	3	1
<b>Verizon IndyCar Series career</b>		
<b>Debut season</b>	2007	
<b>Current team</b>	Andretti Autosport	
<b>Car no.</b>	28	
<b>Former teams</b>	Rahal Letterman Racing (2007–2008) <div>Vision Racing (2009)</div> <div>A.J. Foyt Enterprises (2009, 2011)</div>	
<b>Starts</b>	127	
<b>Wins</b>	12	



Barber Dodge Pro Series

Hunter-Reay began to compete in the Barber Dodge Pro Series in 1998. Hunter-Reay would drive the #28 Reynard 98E-Dodge V6 with no sponsorship. Hunter-Reay first competed in the race at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. In the race Hunter-Reay started and finished in 23rd place in 23rd place after being involved in crash with John McCraig on lap 22. Hunter-Reay returned to the series later in the season at the race at Metro-Dade Homestead Motorsports Complex. Hunter-Reay started in 21st place and finished in 22nd place after retiring due to damage to his car after 4 laps. Hunter-Reay scored no points towards the championship and finished 40th in the final point standings.

Hunter-Reay returned to the series in 2000 to drive the #31 Reynard 98E-Dodge V6 with no sponsorship. At the season-opening race at Sebring International Raceway Hunter-Reay started in 9th place and finished in 8th place. Hunter-Reay would qualify on the pole position at the race at Concord Pacific Place and would finish in 8th place in the race. Hunter-Reay's best finish during the season was a 4th place finish at the race at Lime Rock Park. Hunter-Reay would finish 5th in the final point standings with 104 points. Hunter-Reay would also win the series rookie of the year award and would receive sponsorship from the series for the following season as a result.

Hunter-Reay returned to the series in 2001 to drive the #31 Barber Dodge Pro Series Rookie of the Year/Simpson Performance Products Reynard 98E-Dodge V6. Hunter-Reay would win his first race in the series at the third race of the season, at Lime Rock Park. In the race Hunter-Reay started in 2nd place and led for 21 of 30 laps and would set the fastest lap of the race. Hunter-Reay would win his second, and final, race in the series at Exhibition Place. In the race Hunter-Reay only led the final six laps of the race after passing Matt Plumb, who had qualified on the pole position, had the fastest lap of the race and every lap in the race up to that point. Hunter-Reay would also have a pair of 2nd place finishes at the races at Sebring International Raceway and Lime Rock Park. Hunter-Reay would finish 5th in the final point standings with 114 points.

Atlantic Championship

Hunter-Reay began to compete in the Toyota Atlantic Championship, at the time the main development series for the FedEx CART Champoionship Series, in 2002. Hunter-Reay would drive the #1 Medlock Ames Winery/U.S. Print Swift 014.a-Toyota 4A-GE for Hylton Motorsports. Hunter-Reay would make his debut at Fundidora Park. Hunter-Reay would start in 6th place and retire to finish in 23rd place. At the second race of the season, on the Streets of Long Beach Hunter-Reay started in 2nd place and finished in 18th place after having the fastest lap of the race. At the third race of the season, at the Milwaukee Mile, Hunter-Reay qualified on the pole position, had the fastest lap of the race and led the most laps of the race. Hunter-Reay would retire from the race to finish in 19th place. At the fourth race of the season, at Laguna Seca Raceway, Hunter-Reay qualified on the pole position, had the fastest lap of the race and led the most laps to get his first win in the series. Hunter-Reay would then finish in 4th place at the following race of the season, at Portland International Raceway. At the sixth race of the season, at Chicago Motor Speedway, Hunter-Reay started in 6th place and led the most laps and had the fastest lap of the race to win his second race of the season. At the seventh race of the season, at Exhibition Place, Hunter-Reay started in 7th place and finished in 4th place. Hunter-Reay would then get his third, and final, win of both the season and his Atlantics career at the eighth race of the season, at Burke Lakefront Airport, after leading the most laps. Hunter-Reay would then start 15th and finish 7th at the following race, at Circuit Trois-Rivières. At the tenth race of the season, at Road America, Hunter-Reay started 8th and retired from the race to finish in 24th place. Hunter-Reay then started 6th and finished 22nd at the following race, at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve. At the following race of the season, the season-ending race at the Pepsi Center, Hunter-Reay retired from the race and finished in an unknown position. Hunter-Reay finished out the season ranked in 6th place in the final point standings with 102 points.

Indy car racing

Champ Car World Series

Hunter-Reay began to compete in the Bridgestone Presents the Champ Car World Series Powered by Ford in 2003 to drive the #31 American Spirit Team Johansson Reynard 02i-Ford Cosworth XFE for American Spirit Team Johansson, a team owned by former Formula One and Champ Car World Series driver Stefan Johansson. The previous year Reynard Motorsports filed for bankruptcy and the Champ Car program became owned by Walker Racing. The chassis struggled to compete with the Lola B02/00. The team also competed for the majority of the season without sponsorship. The only race that the team ran with sponsorship was the Gran Premio Telmex-Gigante Presented by Banamex/VISA at Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez where the car ran with sponsorship from Gonher de Mexico. In the first 12 races of the season Hunter-Reay's best start was a 7th at the G.I. Joe's 200 at Portland International Raceway and a best finish of 6th at the Molson Indy Vancouver at Concord Pacific Place. During this time Hunter-Reay was ranked 14th in points. At the thirteenth race of the season, the Champ Car Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course Hunter-Reay qualified in 2nd place and finished in 3rd place. Five races later at the season-ending Lexmark Indy 300 at the Surfers Paradise Street Circuit Hunter-Reay started from 12th place and would make his first of three mandatory pit stops to get slick tires as the track was changing from wet to dry in various parts of the track. Hunter-Reay would soon lead for 15 laps and would keep his car on the track while several other cars were crashing and/or spinning off of the track. Hunter-Reay would go on to win his first Champ Car race.

Hunter-Reay began to drive for Herdez Competition in 2004 in the #4 Herdez Lola B02/00-Ford Coworth XFE. In the third race of the season, the Time Warner Cable Road Runner 250 at the Milwaukee Mile, Hunter-Reay would qualify on the pole position and lead for all 250 laps to get his second and final Champ Car win. Following the race Hunter-Reay was ranked 3rd in points. Hunter-Reay's best finish in the remaining races was a 4th at the Grand Prix of Road America presented by the Chicago Tribune at Road America. In the race Hunter-Reay started 2nd and made contact with former teammate Jimmy Vasser on the first lap and dropped the two to the rear of the field. Hunter-Reay charged up though the field to get the 4th while Vasser finished 8th. Hunter-Reay would finish 9th in points (the only time Hunter-Reay finished in the top 10 in points in Champ Car) with 199 points.

In 2005 Hunter-Reay began to drive for Rocketsports Racing in the #31 Lola B02/00-Ford Cosworth XFE. The car did not have consistent sponsorship and had to have sponsorship for various races from autobytel.com, Briggs & Stratton, Cytomax and Red Paw Systems. At the Centrix Financial Grand Prix of Denver presented by PacifiCare at the Pepsi Center the car ran without sponsorship. Hunter-Reay's best finish during the season was a pair of 6th place finishes at the Molson Indy Toronto at Exhibition Place and at Denver. Following the Hurricane Relief 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, where Hunter-Reay started 16th and finished 10th, Hunter-Reay was replaced by Michael McDowell for the final two races of the season. Hunter-Reay was 14th in points following the Las Vegas and would drop to 15th in points after the last two races of the season with 110 points.

Verizon IndyCar Series

Hunter-Reay began to drive in the Verizon IndyCar Series in 2007. Hunter-Reay began to drive for Rahal Letterman Racing in the #17 Ethanol Promotion and Information Council Dallara IR07-Ilmor-Honda Indy V8 HI7R for the final six races of the season of the season as a replacement for the released Jeff Simmons. Hunter-Reay made his series debut at the Honda 200 at Mid-Ohio Presented by Westfield Insurance at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. In his debut Hunter-Reay started 10th and finished 7th. At the following race, the Firestone Indy 400 at Michigan International Speedway, Hunter-Reay started 12th and in the race he had to make a pit stop to replace his damaged helmet. On lap 144 Dario Franchitti and Dan Wheldon crashed while battling for the lead on the back straightaway causing Franchitti to flip. Franchitti's airborne car

<b>Poles</b>	5
<b>Fastest laps</b>	6
<b>Best finish</b>	1st in 2012
<b>Previous series</b>	
<b>1998,</b>	Barber Dodge Pro Series
<b>2000–2001</b>	
<b>2002</b>	Atlantic Championship
<b>2002,</b>	American Le Mans Series
<b>2010–2013</b>	
<b>2003–2005</b>	Champ Car World Series
<b>2006–2013</b>	Rolex Grand-Am Sports Car Series
<b>2006</b>	A1 Grand Prix
<b>2012</b>	Race of Champions
<b>2014</b>	IMSA Tudor United SportsCar Championship



proceeded to crash into several cars racing in the lead pack including Wheldon, Scott Dixon, Sam Hornish, Jr., A.J. Foyt IV, Tomas Scheckter and Ed Carpenter. Hunter-Reay would finish in 6th place and would be the last car on the lead lap. Hunter-Reay's best start of the season was a 5th at the Detroit Indy Grand Prix presented by Firestone at Belle Isle State Park, where he finished 18th (last) due to clutch problems after 24 laps. Hunter-Reay would finish 7th after starting 12th at the season-ending Peak Antifreeze Indy 300 presented by Mr. Clean at Chicagoland Speedway. Despite only competing in six races Hunter-Reay was able to finish 19th in points with 119 points and would win the series rookie of the year award.

Hunter-Reay returned with Rahal Letterman Racing in 2008 to drive the #17 Ethanol Promotion and Information Council Dallara IR07-Ilmor-Indy V8 H17R. At the season-opening Gainsco Auto Insurance Indy 300 at Homestead-Miami Speedway Hunter-Reay started 9th and finished 7th. Hunter-Reay would then get another 7th at the Indy Japan 300 at Twin Ring Motegi after starting 10th. At the Indianapolis 500 Hunter-Reay qualified in 20th place on the third qualifying day after crashing in turn 3 on Pole Day. In the race Hunter-Reay would move up through the field and unlike several of the rookies who qualified for the race (Eleven started the race and six of them finished the race with five finishing on the lead lap, the five remaining rookies retired due to a mechanical problem in the case of E.J. Viso while Alex Lloyd, Justin Wilson, Jaime Camara and Graham Rahal all retired due to crashes.) Hunter-Reay managed to finish the race without incident. Hunter-Reay would finish in 6th place and win the race's rookie of the year award. During the next four races Hunter-Reay's best finish was an 8th at the Iowa Corn Indy 250 at Iowa Speedway. At the Camping World Indy Grand Prix at the Glen at Watkins Glen International Hunter-Reay started in 3rd place and was running in 4th place late in the race between Ryan Briscoe, Scott Dixon and Darren



Hunter-Reay at the Autosport International in 2005.

Manning, Briscoe and Dixon then made contact and dropped down the running order as a result. Manning took the lead only for Hunter-Reay to take the on a lap 52 restart for a caution for a crash by Jaime Camara. Hunter-Reay would win his first IndyCar Series race and Rahal Letterman would win their first race since 2004 and their last as of July 30, 2014. Hunter-Reay's best finish in the remaining races was a 6th at the Detroit Indy Grand Prix presented by Firestone at Belle Isle State Park. Hunter-Reay finished out the season ranked 8th in points with 360 points. Following the end of the season there was a non-points race, the Nikon Indy 300 on the Surfers Paradise Street Circuit. In the race Hunter-Reay started 5th and finished 3rd.

At the end of the year Ethanol withdrew their sponsorship due to financial problems and left Hunter-Reay without a team. Prior to the season Hunter-Reay tested a car for HVM Racing. Hunter-Reay was eventually offered a position at Vision Racing to drive the #21 Vision Racing Dallara IR07-Ilmor-Indy V8 H17R. The team had no sponsorship to start off the season, despite this Hunter-Reay managed to start 14th and finish 2nd at the season-opening Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg on the Streets of St. Petersburg. In the process Hunter-Reay gave Vision their best finish in an IndyCar Series race. Hunter-Reay's next best finish for the team came at the next race of the season, the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach on the Streets of Long Beach where Hunter-Reay started 12th and finished 11th. At the Indianapolis 500 the team found sponsorship from Izod and Williams Rast. Hunter-Reay struggled to qualify for the race and on Bump Day at 5:52 p.m. Hunter-Reay was bumped from the field by John Andretti. Hunter-Reay was able to requalify, bumping Alex Tagliani by 0.0324 seconds. Hunter-Reay started 32nd after Tagliani replaced teammate Bruno Junqueira in his qualified car. In the race Hunter-Reay spun in turn 4 on lap 20 and crashed, resulting in a 32nd place finish. Following the Bombardier Learjet 550 at Texas Motor Speedway Hunter-Reay and Vision parted ways. Hunter-Reay was then announced as the replacement for Vitor Meira, who was injured while racing at Indianapolis, in the #14 ABC Supply Company Dallara IR07-Ilmor-Indy V8 H17R for A.J. Foyt Enterprises. In his debut for the team at the Iowa Corn Indy 250 at Iowa Speedway Hunter-Reay only completed 2 laps due to a crash. Hunter-Reay would only get two top 10s for Foyt with a 7th at the Honda Indy Toronto at Exhibition Place and a 4th at the Honda Indy 200 presented by Westfield Insurance at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Hunter-Reay's only top 10 start of the season for either Vision or Foyt was a 7th at Mid-Ohio. Hunter-Reay would finish 15th in points with 298 points.

Hunter-Reay was 10th in points following his split from Vision.



Hunter-Reay competing in the 2010 Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg on the Streets of St. Petersburg.



Hunter-Reay competing in the 2010 Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma at Infineon Raceway.

In 2010 Hunter-Reay began to drive for Andretti Autosport in a part-time schedule that would consist of all races through the Indianapolis 500. Hunter-Reay would drive the #37 Izod Dallara IR07-Ilmor-Indy V8 H17R. At the season-opening São Paulo Indy 300 on the Streets of São Paulo Hunter-Reay started 4th and would lead for 20 laps, only to get passed by Will Power on lap 58 of 61. Three races later at the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach on the Streets of Long Beach Hunter-Reay started 2nd, set the fastest race lap and led for 64 of 85 laps to win the race. Following the race Hunter-Reay was ranked 3rd in points. At the next race, the RoadRunner Turbo Indy 300 at Kansas Speedway Hunter-Reay started 22nd and finished 5th. At the Indianapolis 500 Hunter-Reay qualified in a disappointing 17th place. In the race Hunter-Reay was on his way to a top 10 finish when on lap 199 in turn 3 he ran out of fuel causing Mike Conway to drive over the left side of Hunter-Reay's car and flip into the catchfence. At the same time Hunter-Reay lost control and drove into the wall. Hunter-Reay would finish in 18th place. Following the race Hunter-Reay was 5th in points and was given additional races. The team would race with additional sponsorship from Ethanol at select races. Prior to the Camping World Grand Prix at The Glen at Watkins Glen International Hunter-Reay was announced as a driver for all the remaining races. Hunter-Reay's best finish following Indianapolis was a 3rd at the Honda Indy Toronto at Exhibition Place. Hunter-Reay would finish 7th in the final point standings with 445 points.

In 2011 Hunter-Reay returned with Andretti Autosport to drive the #28 DHL/Sun Drop Dallara IR07-Ilmor-Indy V8 H17R. At the first two races of the season, the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg on the Streets of St. Petersburg and the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama at Barber Motorsports Park. In these races Hunter-Reay finished 21st (retired due to handling) and 14th in the races. At the third race of the season, the 2011 Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach on the Streets of Long Beach Hunter-Reay started 2nd and led for 2 laps. Hunter-Reay

was on his way to a respectable finish when he suffered gearbox problems. Hunter-Reay's teammate Mike Conway would win the race while Hunter-Reay finished 23rd. At the following race, the Itaipava São Paulo Indy 300 presented by Nestlé on the Streets of São Paulo Hunter-Reay started in 2nd place. At the start of the race Hunter-Reay's steering failed and as a result Hunter-Reay drove straight into a sign along the track. The team made repairs to the car while the race was stopped for rain. Hunter-Reay would finish



Hunter-Reay prior to the 2007 Honda 200 at Mid-Ohio presented by Westfield Insurance at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, his first Verizon IndyCar Series race.



Hunter-Reay practicing for the 2008 Indianapolis 500.



Hunter-Reay in 2010 at an autograph signing.



Hunter-Reay in May 2010 at an autograph signing at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.





Hunter-Reay competing in the 2011 Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg on the Streets of St. Petersburg.

finished 8th at the following race, the Iowa Corn Indy 250 at Iowa Speedway. At the following race of the season, the Honda Indy Toronto at Exhibition Place Hunter-Reay started 8th and finished 3rd to get his first podium of the year. Hunter-Reay would then start and finish 7th at the next race, the Edmonton Indy at Edmonton City Centre Airport. Hunter-Reay then got another podium at the following race, the Honda Indy 200 presented by Westfield Insurance at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course with a 3rd after starting 5th. At the following race, the MoveThatBlock.com Indy 225 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway Hunter-Reay started 5th and led for 71 laps. Hunter-Reay inherited the lead when several other drivers who had led the race, such as Dario Franchitti and Takuma Sato, were involved in crashes. Rain came in the late stages of the race. On lap 220 of 225 Hunter-Reay was leading Oriol Servià when the race was restarted and almost immediately teammate Danica Patrick spun due to the rain and collected several cars making the race go back to a caution. During this time Servià took the lead. INDYCAR officials decided to revert the results to lap 215 when the race was under caution for the rain. Hunter-Reay's best finish following the New Hampshire race was a 5th at the Kentucky Indy 300 at Kentucky Speedway. At the season-ending 2011 Izod IndyCar World Championship at Las Vegas Motor Speedway Hunter-Reay and Alex Tagliani made light contact while racing each other early in the race. On lap 11 James Hinchcliff was clipped by



Hunter-Reay's car at the 2011 Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach on the Streets of Long Beach.

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finish 6th or better to win the championship. Team Penske later managed to repair Power's car (a rarity for open-wheel race cars) in order for Power to complete additional laps. Power was able to complete 66 laps to move up to 24th place. Hunter-Reay now had to finish in 5th place or better. Hunter-Reay gradually moved up through the field and into the top 5 to move into the championship lead. On lap 241 Kanaan crashed in turn 4 and the race was stopped. On the restart Hunter-Reay managed to stay in the top 5. As the leaders started lap 250 (the final lap) Hunter-Reay was in turn 4 in 5th place when 4th place Takuma Sato spun and crashed. Hunter-Reay was able to avoid Sato just as Ed Carpenter passed Dario Franchitti for the lead. Carpenter would win the race while Hunter-Reay finished 4th and won both the overall and the oval championships. Hunter-Reay became the first American to win the series championship since Sam Hornish, Jr. in 2006. Hunter-Reay would score 468 points to win the overall championship and 168 points to win the oval championship. Hunter-Reay also finished 2nd in the Mario Andretti Road Course Championship with 300 points compared to Power's 379. During the weekend of the championship Fontana race Hunter-Reay was offered to drive a car at Team Penske in 2013. Hunter-Reay resigned



Hunter-Reay competing in the 2011 Indy Japan: The Final at Twin Ring Motegi.



Hunter-Reay competing in the 2011 Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg on the Streets of St. Petersburg.



Hunter-Reay's car at the 2011 Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg on the Streets of St. Petersburg.



Hunter-Reay competing in the 2012 Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix presented by ShopAutoWeek.com at Belle Isle State Park.





Hunter-Reay (right) competing with Simon Pagenaud at the 2012 Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach on the Streets of Long Beach.

first four races of the season Hunter-Reay was ranked 6th in points. At the Indianapolis 500 Hunter-Reay qualified in 7th place. During the Firestone Fast Nine qualifying session (the qualifying session for the race that determines the pole sitter) Hunter-Reay's teammates Carlos Muñoz (2nd), Marco Andretti (3rd), E.J. Viso (4th) and James Hinchcliff (9th) also qualified for the session. In the race Hunter-Reay battled with Andretti, Tony Kanaan and Ed Carpenter for the lead. On lap 193 Hunter-Reay took the lead and maintained it while the race was under caution for a crash by Graham Rahal. On a restart on lap 198 Kanaan took the lead going into turn 1 and teammate Muñoz also passed Hunter-Reay. Moments later Dario Franchitti lost control of his car in the same turn and hit the wall. The race finished under caution with Hunter-Reay finishing 3rd behind Kanaan and Muñoz. Hunter-Reay led 26 laps in the



Hunter-Reay competing in the 2012 Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix presented by ShopAutoWeek.com at Belle Isle State Park.

race. At the following races, the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix presented by ShopAutoWeek.com at Belle Isle State Park Hunter-Reay started 4th in each race and finished 2nd in race #1 and in race #2 Hunter-Reay finished 18th due to having to make repairs to his damaged car following a crash. Hunter-Reay's would either win or finish 2nd at the next three races. At the Firestone 550 at Texas Motor Speedway Hunter-Reay started 3rd and finished 2nd after leading for 35 laps. At the Milwaukee IndyFest at the Milwaukee Mile Hunter-Reay started 4th and won the race after leading for 65 laps in a race promoted by Hunter-Reay's car owner Michael Andretti. At the Iowa Corn Indy 250 Presented by DEKALB at Iowa Speedway, Hunter-Reay started 12th and finished 2nd to teammate James Hinchcliff. At the Pocono IndyCar 400 fueled by Sunoco at Pocono Raceway Hunter-Reay started 2nd on a front row sweep of Andretti cars with Marco Andretti on the pole position and Hinchcliff in 3rd. On lap 63 Hunter-Reay was entering the pit lane when Takuma Sato was attempting to slow down and locked up his brakes. Sato would then rear-end Hunter-Reay's car and would take himself out of the race. Hunter-Reay's team was able to repair the car. Hunter-Reay would complete 121 laps before being parked. Hunter-Reay's next best finishes of the season were a 5th at the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, where Hunter-Reay qualified

on the pole position and led for 30 laps, and the GoPro Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma at Sonoma Raceway where Hunter-Reay finished 6th after starting 4th. At the season-ending MAVTV 500 IndyCar World Championships at Auto Club Speedway Hunter-Reay started 11th and led for 45 laps. Hunter-Reay later had mechanical issues and as a result Hunter-Reay dropped eight laps down. Due to several retirements late in the race Hunter-Reay was able to finish in 9th place. During the majority of the season Hunter-Reay was either 2nd or 3rd in points. Following the Grand Prix of Baltimore on the Streets of Baltimore Hunter-Reay dropped to 5th in points. Two races later, following the Shell and Pennzoil Grand Prix of Houston Race #2 at Reliant Park Hunter-Reay dropped to 6th in points. Hunter-Reay would finish 7th in points with 469 points.

In 2014 Hunter-Reay returned with Andretti Autosport to drive the #1 DHL Dallara DW12-Honda Indy Turbo V6. At the season-opening Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg on the Streets of St. Petersburg Hunter-Reay started 3rd and finished 2nd. At the following race, the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach on the Streets of Long Beach, Hunter-Reay qualified on the pole position. In the race Hunter-Reay led for a race-high 51 laps. On lap 56 Josef Newgarden, who had battled with Hunter-Reay and Hunter-Reay's teammate James Hinchcliff for most of the race, came out of the pit lane in 6th place after losing the lead to Sebastian Saavedra, Scott Dixon, Marco Andretti, Justin Wilson and Tony Kanaan. Hunter-Reay and Hinchcliff, in 7th and 8th, were with Newgarden when he exited the pit lane. Hunter-Reay then attempted to pass for the eventual lead (after Dixon and Wilson). When Hunter-Reay attempted this the three cars crashed. The crash would involve Hunter-Reay, Hinchcliff, Newgarden, Helio Castroneves, Jack Hawksworth, Kanaan and Takuma Sato. Hunter-Reay would finish 20th. Following the race Hunter-Reay was criticized by Hinchcliff, who called it a "rookie move". Hunter-Reay then won the following race, the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama at Barber Motorsports Park after starting 3rd and leading for a race-high 40 laps. Hunter-Reay then finished 2nd at the Grand Prix of Indianapolis at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course. At the Indianapolis 500 Hunter-Reay qualified a disappointing 19th, the lowest of the Andretti cars. In the race Hunter-Reay, Kanaan and Townsend Bell quickly moved up from the middle of the field. By the halfway point of the race Hunter-Reay was leading the race. At the halfway point Hunter-Reay had a record-average speed of 211.871 miles per hour. Hunter-Reay was soon battling with teammate Andretti, Castroneves and Ed Carpenter. On lap 175 Hunter-Reay led with Carpenter, Bell, Hinchcliff and Castroneves in the top 5. Going into turn 1 Bell, Carpenter and Hinchcliff were running three-wide when the latter two touched and crashed. Hunter-Reay continued to lead with Castroneves, Andretti and Bell also challenging. On lap 191 Bell crashed in the exit of turn 2 and the race was stopped. On the restart Hunter-Reay and Castroneves battled for the lead. Hunter-Reay would win the race by 0.0600 seconds, the second-closest finish to the Indianapolis 500 behind 1992. The race was also the second-fastest Indianapolis 500 behind the 2013 Indianapolis 500. Hunter-Reay became the first American to win the race since Sam Hornish, Jr. won in 2006. Ironically after Carpenter and Hinchcliff crashed Carpenter said referring to Hinchcliff's attempt to pass "amateur" and said "if he didn't have a concussion last week I would have punched him in the face,"<sup>[2]</sup> just as Hinchcliff had criticized Hunter-Reay's failed attempted pass on Newgarden at Long Beach earlier in the season. Following Indianapolis Hunter-Reay took the points lead from Will Power. Hunter-Reay would then struggle during the next three races. At the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix twin races at Belle Isle State Park Hunter-Reay started 21st in each race (out of 22 cars). In race #1 Hunter-Reay crashed into a tire wall on the 70th (final) lap of the race and finished in 16th place. In race #2 Hunter-Reay suffered an electrical problem on lap 61 of 70 and finished in 19th place. Following the second Detroit race Hunter-Reay dropped to 3rd in points behind Power and Castroneves. At the following race, the Firestone 600 at Texas Motor Speedway, Hunter-Reay started 12th and finished 19th due to an engine fire after 136 laps. At the Shell and Pennzoil Grand Prix of Houston twin races at NRG Park were more successful for Hunter-Reay than the previous twin races at Detroit. In race #1 Hunter-Reay started 8th and finished 7th. In race #2 Hunter-Reay started 21st (out of 23 cars) and finished 6th. At the Pocono IndyCar 500 at Pocono Raceway Hunter-Reay started 9th and had mechanical problems early in the race. Hunter-Reay's team was able to repair the issue and Hunter-Reay finished 18th, nineteen laps down. At the following race, the Iowa Corn Indy 300 at Iowa Speedway, Hunter-Reay started 13th and was running in the top 10. On lap 282 of 300 Juan Pablo Montoya and Carpenter made contact (Montoya retired from the race while Carpenter continued). During the caution Hunter-Reay, Carpenter, Newgarden and Graham Rahal all made pit stops for new tires. On the restart on 291 the group quickly moved up through the field. On lap 299 Hunter-Reay passed Kanaan, who had dominated the race up to that point, for the lead. Hunter-Reay would go on to win the race after leading for only 2 laps in what would be Hunter-Reay's first lead lap finish of the season since winning the Indianapolis 500. Newgarden finished 2nd, Carpenter finished 5th and Rahal finished 7th. At the following races, the Honda Indy Toronto twin races at Exhibition Place, Hunter-Reay started 3rd in race #1 and 4th in race #2. In race #1 Hunter-Reay was battling with Kanaan on lap 40 when the two made contact, causing Hunter-Reay to crash into the wall and finish in 21st place. In race #2 Hunter-Reay finished in 14th place on the lead (56th) lap after several teams, including Hunter-Reay's, had their strategies changed during the race due to rain being on certain parts of the track at certain times. At the following race of the season, the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio at Mid-Ohio



Hunter-Reay prior to the 2012 Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg on the Streets of St. Petersburg.



Hunter-Reay (right) posing with teammate James Hinchcliff and Ryan Briscoe following Pole Day qualifying for the 2012 Indianapolis 500.



Sports Car Course, Hunter-Reay started 5th and spun out on lap 37. Despite the spin Hunter-Reay finished in 10th place, completing all 90 laps of the race. At the following race, the ABC Supply Wisconsin 250 at Milwaukee IndyFest Presented by the Metro Milwaukee Honda Dealers at the Milwaukee Mile, Hunter-Reay had a poor qualifying performance and would start in 19th place due to the set up of the car being different than in practice (during practice Hunter-Reay had the 3rd fastest lap speed in the first practice session and the 6th fastest lap speed in the second practice session). In the race Hunter-Reay moved up through the field. After completing 168 laps Hunter-Reay had to retire from the race due to a damaged suspension and would finish in 21st place. At the following race, the GoPro Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma at Sonoma Raceway Hunter-Reay started 10th after having the fastest lap speed in the first practice session and the 3rd fastest lap speed in the second session. In the race Hunter-Reay moved into 4th place after Helio Castroneves, Ryan Briscoe, Sebastien Bourdais and James Hinchcliffe (all of whom had qualified ahead of Hunter-Reay) were involved in a crash in turn 1. Hunter-Reay would finish 2nd to Scott Dixon after Rahal had to make a late race pit stop for fuel from the lead while Mike Conway, who was passed by Dixon and later Hunter-Reay immediately after Rahal pulled into the pit lane, ran out of fuel on the final lap of the race in the final turn of the track. Following the Sonoma race Hunter-Reay is ranked 4th in the point standings with 534 points. Following the race Hunter-Reay became ineligible to win the championship due to points leader Power leading Hunter-Reay by 93 points (Power would get 10 points for failing to start the race while Hunter-Reay could get 100 points for winning the race, causing Power to win the championship by 3 points). At the season-ending MAVTV 500 IndyCar World Championships at Auto Club Speedway Hunter-Reay started 9th and led for 26 laps. On lap 175 Hunter-Reay spun while coming out of turn 4. Hunter-Reay was able to continue and would finish in 16th place. Hunter-Reay would finish 6th in the final point standings with 563 points.

## A1 Grand Prix

Hunter-Reay began to compete in A1 Grand Prix during the 2006–07 season. Hunter-Reay would represent the United States with Phil Giebler and Jonathan Summerton for A1 Team USA in a team entered by West Surrey Racing. Hunter-Reay would drive a A1 Team USA Lola B05/52-Zytek V8 (the series did not use numbers for the individual cars). Hunter-Reay was originally going to make his debut in the series at the A1 Grand Prix of Nations, Beijing, China on the Beijing International Streetcircuit. During practice for the race there was problems with a turn of the track that was 180 degrees. The track was eventually changed and Hunter-Reay never got to drive in the event. Hunter-Reay would make his debut at the sixth round of the season (the eleventh and twelfth races of the season), the A1 Grand Prix of Nations, New Zealand at Taupo Motorsport Park. In the sprint race Hunter-Reay started in 16th place and finished in 11th place. In the feature race the starting line up was determined by the results of the sprint race. As a result Hunter-Reay started in 11th place and would finish in 10th place. Hunter-Reay would not compete in any other A1 Grand Prix races during the season. The A1 Grand Prix team would finish in 9th place in the point standings with 42 points.

## Sports car racing

### American Le Mans Series

Hunter-Reay began to compete in the American Le Mans Series in 2002 at the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring for JMB Racing in the #31 Aprimatic/Giesse Group Ferrari 360 Modena-Ferrari 3.6 L V8 with Peter Argetsinger and Andrea Montermini in the GT class. The car started 6th in its class and finished 19th due to a mechanical failure after 28 laps. The car would finish in 52nd place overall. JMB Racing would finish 17th in the GT teams championship (Hunter-Reay was unranked in the drivers championship).

Hunter-Reay would return to the series in 2010. Hunter-Reay would drive for Level 5 Motorsports in the #95 US Bank Oreca FLM09-Chevrolet 6.2 L V8 with Scott Tucker and James Gue in the LMPC class. At the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring presented by Fresh from Florida the car started 10th overall and 2nd in its class. The car would complete 224 laps to finish in 32nd place, 6th in class. Tucker and Hunter-Reay were going to drive the car at the following race, the Tequila Patrón American Le Mans Series at Long Beach on the Streets of Long Beach. The car would fail to start the race. Level 5 Motorsports would go on to win the LMPC teams championship (Hunter-Reay was unranked in the drivers championship).

In 2011 Hunter-Reay returned with Level 5 Motorsports to drive the #055 Microsoft Office 2010/Microsoft Windows Azure/Alpina Watches Lola B11/40-HPD HR28TT 2.8 L Turbo V6 with Scott Tucker and Luis Diaz in the LMP2 class. At the season-opening Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring presented by Fresh from Florida the car started 17th overall and 2nd in its class. The car completed 300 laps to win its class and finish 20th overall. Hunter-Reay finished 4th in the LMP2 drivers standings with 30 points while Level 5 Motorsports won the LMP2 teams championship with 130 points.

For 2012 Hunter-Reay drove at the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring for Level 5 Motorsports in the #95 Siemens/Alpina Watches/Ohiya Casino Resort HPD ARX-03b-Honda HR28TT 2.8 L Turbo V6 with Scott Tucker and Luis Diaz in the P2 class. The car started in 18th place overall and in 3rd place in its class. The car retired after 85 laps and finished in 58th place overall and in 4th place in class. Hunter-Reay then competed in the season-ending Petit Le Mans for SRT Motorsports in the #91 Street & Racing Technology SRT Viper GTS-R-SRT 8.0 L V10 with Kuno Wittmer and Dominik Farnbacher in the GT class. The car started in 27th place overall and in 9th place in its class. The car completed 369 laps to finish in 20th place overall and in 8th place in its class. Hunter-Reay was unranked in the P2 driver's standings and finished 27th in the GT drivers standings with 7 points. SRT Motorsports finished 8th in the GT teams standings with 12 points and Level 5 Motorsports won the P2 teams championship with 203 points.

In 2013 Hunter-Reay drove for Level 5 Motorsports at the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring in the #552 Siemens/Alpina Watches/Ohiya Casino Resort HPD ARX-03b-Honda HR28TT 2.8 L Turbo V6 with Scott Tucker and Simon Pagenaud. The car started in 8th place overall and in 2nd place in its class. The car completed 345 laps to finish in 7th place overall and in 2nd place in its class. Hunter-Reay finished 10th in the P2 drivers standings and Level 5 Motorsports won the P2 teams championship with 199 points.

### Rolex Grand-Am Sports Car Series

Hunter-Reay began to compete in the Rolex Grand-Am Sports Car Series in 2006 for SAMAX/Doncaster Racing in the #17 SAMAX/Doncaster Racing Porsche GT3 Cup in the GT class in three races. At both the U.S. Sportscar Invitational at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and the GAINSCO Grand Prix at Phoenix International Raceway Hunter-Reay's co-driver was Ian James and the Rolex GT Series Challenge at Lime Rock Park with Mark Greenburg. At Laguna Seca the car started in 32nd place overall and in 4th place in class. The car completed 86 laps to finish in 23rd place overall and in 3rd place in its class. At Phoenix the car started in 26th place overall and in 3rd place in its class. The car retired after 91 laps to finish in 33rd place overall 12th place in its class. At Lime Rock the field consisted only of GT cars and Hunter-Reay started in 18th place and retired after 11 laps and finished in 18th place. Hunter-Reay then competed in the season-ending Discount Tire Sunchaser 1000K at Miller Motorsports Park for SunTrust Racing in the #10 SunTrust Banks Riley-Pontiac with Wayne Taylor and Max Angelelli in the DP class. The car started in 5th place both overall and in its class. The car completed 186 laps to finish in 14th place both overall and in its class. Hunter-Reay also finished 27th in the GT drivers standings with 107 points while the #17 SAMAX/Doncaster Racing entry finished 4th in the GT teams championship with 392 points. Hunter-Reay finished 97th in the DP driver's standings with 17 points while the #10 SunTrust Racing entry finished 3rd in the DP teams standings with 431 points.

In 2007 Hunter-Reay began to drive the #91 Riley MkXI-Pontiac 5.0L V8 for Riley-Matthews Motorsports in the DP class. At the season-opening Rolex 24 at Daytona Hunter-Reay co-drove with Jim Matthews, Marc Goossens and Jimmie Johnson. The car was sponsored at the race by Lowe's (who was the sponsor of Johnson's #48 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series). The car started in 3rd place both overall and in class. The car completed 560 laps due



Hunter-Reay with his co-drivers at the 2010 Rolex 24 at Daytona.



to an engine failure. The car finished in 36th place overall and in 19th place in class. Hunter-Reay drove the car in three other races, all without sponsorship. At the Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen at Watkins Glen International Hunter-Reay co-drove with Matthews and Goossens. The car started in 15th place both overall and in its class. The car completed 167 laps to finish in 6th place both overall and in its class. At the Emco Gears Classic at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course Hunter-Reay drove with the same drivers to start in 17th place (the race only had DP class cars). The car completed 125 laps to finish in 11th place. Hunter-Reay returned to the series at the season-ending Discount Tire Sunchaser 1000 at Miller Motorsports Park Hunter-Reay drove with the same drivers to start in 19th place both overall and in its class. The car led for 20 laps and completed 139 laps to win the race both overall and in its class. Hunter-Reay finished 36th in the DP drivers standings with 92 points. The #91 Riley-Matthews Motorsports entry would finish 9th in the DP teams championship with 298 points.

For 2008 Riley-Matthews Motorsports and GAINSCO/Bob Stallings Racing ran the #91 Riley MkXI-Pontiac 5.0L V8 without sponsorship. At the season-opening Rolex 24 at Daytona Hunter-Reay co-drove with Jim Matthews, Johnny O'Connell and Marc Goossens in the DP class. The car started in 3rd place both overall and in its class. The car completed 676 laps to finish in 8th place both overall and in its class. Hunter-Reay returned to the car for the season-ending SunRichGourmet.com 1000 at Miller Motorsports Park as a co-driver to Matthews and Goossens. The car started in 13th place both overall and in its class. The car would finish in 7th place both overall and in its class. Hunter-Reay finished 34th in the DP drivers standings with 47 points. The #91 Riley-Matthews Motorsports and GAINSCO/Bob Stallings Racing entry finished 10th in the DP teams championship with 303 points.

In 2009 Hunter-Reay first drove for Michael Shank Racing in the #60 Westfield Insurance Riley Mk. XX-Ford 5.0L V8 at the season-opening Rolex 24 at Daytona in the DP class with Mark Patterson, Oswaldo Negri, Jr. and Colin Braun. The car started in 10th place both overall and in its class. The car completed 262 laps before having electrical problems. The car would retire to finish in 41st place overall and in 16th place in class. Hunter-Reay returned to the series for the season-ending GAINSCO Grand Prix of Miami at Homestead-Miami Speedway in the #95 Edata Solutions/Ecomm Link Riley Mk. XX-BMW 5.0L V8 with Scott Tucker and Christophe Bouchut for Supercar Life Racing and Level 5 Motorsports. The car started in 5th place both overall and in its class and finished in 10th place both overall and in its class after completing all 100 laps. The trio of drivers also dove in a second car for Supercar Life Racing and Level 5 Motorsports, the #55 Edata Solutions/Ecomm Link Riley Mk. XX-BMW 5.0L V8. The car started in 12th place both overall and in its class. The car finished in 6th place both overall and in its class. Hunter-Reay's results in the #55 car were not counted towards the championship. Hunter-Reay finished 34th in the DP drivers championship with 36 points. The #60 Michael Shank Racing entry finished 9th in the DP teams championship with 270 points. The #55 Supercar Life Racing and Level 5 Motorsports entry finished 13th in the DP teams championship with 195 points. The #95 Supercar Life Racing and Level 5 Motorsports entry finished 22nd in the DP teams championship with 22 points.

In 2010 Hunter-Reay drove for Level 5 Motorsports in the #95 Crown Royal Cask No. 16 Riley Mk. XI-BMW 5.0L V8 in the DP class. At the season-ending Rolex 24 at Daytona Hunter-Reay co-drove with Christophe Bouchut, Lucas Luhr, Scott Tucker and Richard Westbrook. The car started in 13th place both overall and in its class. The car would lead for 11 laps and would finish in 3rd place both overall and in its class with 751 laps. Hunter-Reay then drove at the second race of the season, the Grand Prix of Miami at Homestead-Miami Speedway, in the same car, with additional sponsorship from US Bank, Spirit Jets, Drive Digital Medi and Supercar Life. Hunter-Reay would co-drive with Tucker. The car started in 6th place both overall and in its class. The car completed 120 laps to finish in 19th place overall and in 14th place in its class. Hunter-Reay would finish 23rd in the DP drivers championship with 47 points. The #95 Level 5 Motorsports entry would finish 14th in the DP teams championship with 47 points.

For 2011 Hunter-Reay only competed in the Rolex 24 of Daytona for Level 5 Motorsports in the #95 Microsoft/E-Data Solutions/Selling Source/US Bank Riley Mk XXII-BMW 5.0L V8 in the DP class with Scott Tucker, Richard Westbrook and Raphael Matos. The car started in 17th place both overall and in its class. The car would complete 703 laps to finish in 11th place both overall and in its class. Hunter-Reay finished 33rd in the DP drivers championship with 20 points. The #95 Level 5 Motorsports entry finished 20th in the DP teams championship with 20 points.

In 2012 Hunter-Reay only competed in the Rolex 24 at Daytona for Starworks Motorsport in the DP class in the #2 Motorola Riley Mk. XX-Ford 5.0L V8 with Marco Andretti, Scott Mayer and Michael Valiante. The car started in 9th place both overall and in its class. The car completed 736 laps to finish in 10th place both overall and in its class. Hunter-Reay would finish 36th in the DP drivers championship with 10 points. The #2 Starworks Motorsport entry finished 9th in the DP teams championship with 333 points.

In 2013 Hunter-Reay only competed in the Rolex 24 of Daytona for VelocityWW in the DP class in the #10 Velocity Worldwide Dallara Corvette DP-Chevrolet 5.0L V8 with Max Angelelli and Jordan Taylor. The car started in 12th place both overall and in its class. The car led for 56 laps and completed 709 laps to finish in 2nd place both overall and in its class. Hunter-Reay finished 33rd in the DP drivers championship. The #10 VelocityWW entry finished 2nd in the DP teams championship with 339 points.

### IMSA Tudor United SportsCar Championship

Hunter-Reay began to compete in the IMSA Tudor United SportsCar Championship after the American Le Mans Series and the Rolex Grand-Am Sports Car Series merged in 2013. Hunter-Reay would drive for SRT Motorsports in the #91 Street and Racing Technology SRT Viper GTS-R-SRT 8.0 L V10 in the GTLM class. At the season-opening Rolex 24 at Daytona Hunter-Reay co-drove with Dominik Farnbacher and Marc Goossens. The car would qualify on the pole position in its class and in 24th place overall. The car would complete 675 laps to finish in 3rd place in its class and in 12th place in its class. Hunter-Reay then competed in the second race of the season, the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring fueled by Fresh from Florida. Hunter-Reay drove the same car with the same co-drivers from Daytona. The car started in 10th place in its class and in 35th place overall. The car would complete 284 laps to finish in 7th place in its class and in 18th place overall. Hunter-Reay would compete in the season-ending Petit Le Mans presented by Mazda in the same car with Kuno Wittmer and Goossens. The car would start in 26th place and would finish in 11th place overall with 392 laps complete. The car would finish in 3rd place in its class. Hunter-Reay would finish in 19th place in the GTLM drivers championship with 87 points. The #91 SRT Motorsports entry would finish in 3rd place in the GTLM teams championship with 314 points.

### Race of Champions

Hunter-Reay was invited to compete in the Race of Champions in 2012. Hunter-Reay was the only driver to compete to represent the IndyCar Series and would be the first driver since Bertrand Baguette in 2010 to represent the series. Hunter-Reay was part of the Americas team with Mexican driver Benito Guerra, Jr. In the Group A races of the Nations Cup Hunter-Reay would have 1 win and 2 losses while Guerra would have 2 wins and 1 loss. The team's first race was against the All-Stars team. In Hunter-Reay's first race he raced against Tom Kristensen and the two each raced in Volkswagen Sciroccos. Kristensen would win the race with a time of 1 minute and 23.0759 seconds compared to Hunter-Reay's time of 1 minute and 24.5635 seconds. Guerra would win in his race against Jorge Lorenzo. The team's next race came against the Great Britain team. Hunter-Reay would compete against David Coulthard and the two each raced in KTM X-Bows. Hunter-Reay would win the race with a time of 1 minute and 19.1336 seconds compared to Coulthard's time of 1 minute and 16.2360 seconds, which had 5 seconds added to it due Coulthard making a false start. Guerra lost in his race against Andy Priaulx. The team's third and final race in Group A was against the France team. Hunter-Reay would race against Romain Grosjean and the two each raced in Audi R8 LMSes. Grosjean would beat Hunter-Reay in the race with a time of 1 minute and 16.5117 seconds compared to Hunter-Reay's time of 1 minute and 18.5096 seconds, which had 5 seconds added to it due to Hunter-Reay making a false start. Guerra would win in his race against Sébastien Ogier. The team would finish in 3rd place in the Group A results behind the France and All-Stars teams. The team would fail to qualify for the semifinals. In the Race of Champions races Hunter-Reay would compete in Group D. In Hunter-Reay's first race he competed against Kazuya Oshima and the two each raced in KTM X-Bows. In the race Hunter-Reay won with a time of 1 minute



Hunter-Reay prior to the 2012 Race of Champions.



and 17.0206 seconds compared to Oshima's time of 1 minute and 22.5314 seconds, which had 5 seconds added to it due to Oshima making a false start. In Hunter-Reay's second race he competed against Grosjean and each raced in ROC Cars. In the race Grosjean won with a time of 1 minute and 19.3890 seconds compared to Hunter-Reay's time of 1 minute and 26.2154 seconds, which 5 seconds added to it due to Hunter-Reay making a false start. In Hunter-Reay's final race in Group D he competed against Michael Schumacher and each raced in Euro Racecars. In the race Schumaker won the race with a time of 1 minute and 17.8680 seconds compared to Hunter-Reay's time of 1 minute and 25.2427 seconds, which had 5 seconds added to it due to Hunter-Reay making a false start. Hunter-Reay would finish in 3rd place in the Group D standings with 1 win and 2 losses, finishing behind Schumaker and Grosjean. Hunter-Reay would fail to qualify for the quarterfinals.

Hunter-Reay did not return to the races in 2013 nor did any other Verizon IndyCar Series drivers.

Hunter-Reay would return to the races in 2014 and would be the only representative of the Verizon IndyCar Series. In the team events Kurt Busch would be Hunter-Reay's teammate. Busch had been Hunter-Reay's teammate at Andretti Autosport for the 2014 Indianapolis 500.

## Personal life

### Marriage

Hunter-Reay is married to ex-Champ Car World Series pit reporter, and off-road racing driver, Beccy Gordon, sister of former Champ Car World Series, NASCAR Sprint Cup Series and Verizon IndyCar Series driver and car owner Robby Gordon. Their son Ryden Hunter-Reay was born on December 28, 2012.

### Number 28

Since the 2011 season Hunter-Reay's car number has been 28. The number 28 is meant to represent the estimated 28 million people that live with cancer. In 2009 Hunter-Reay's mother died of colon cancer. During the 2013 season Hunter-Reay, as the defending series champion, used number 1 as his car number. This would be the first time that a defending champion has used #1 in the Verizon IndyCar Series since Scott Dixon in 2004 (although Michael Andretti did use #1 in a one-off race during the 2006 season at the Indianapolis 500 due to the team winning the championship the previous season with Dan Wheldon). During the 2013 season a small 28 was placed inside of the 1.

## Media appearances

### Television and film

Hunter-Reay was featured on the NBC Sports Network television series *IndyCar 36*. The episode was about Hunter-Reay's race weekend at the 2012 Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach on the Streets of Long Beach. The episode was broadcast prior to the 2012 Itaipava São Paulo Indy 300 presented by Nestlé on the Streets of São Paulo, where Hunter-Reay finished in 2nd place to Will Power, on April 29, 2012.

After Hunter-Reay won the 2012 championship a documentary was filmed, titled *Ryan Hunter-Reay: An American Champion*, that showed Hunter-Reay, along with his wife Beccy Gordon and newborn son Ryden Hunter-Reay, in the months after Hunter-Reay won the championship at the season-ending MAVTV 500 IndyCar World Championships at Auto Club Speedway after Will Power crashed out of the race (with Hunter-Reay racing immediately next to Power at the moment of the accident) and after he managed to finish in 4th place after avoiding a crash by Takuma Sato in turn 4 on lap 249 of 250 (after Power retired from the race to finish in 24th place Hunter-Reay needed to at least finish in 5th place). The film was broadcast on the NBC Sports Network prior to the 2013 season-opening Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg on the Streets of St. Petersburg.

### Video games

In the 2013 video game *Forza Motorsport 5* for the Xbox One Hunter-Reay appears as one of four Verizon IndyCar Series drivers (the others are Scott Dixon, Will Power and Graham Rahal). Hunter-Reay drives his #1 DHL Dallara DW12-Ilmor-Chevrolet Indy V6 for Andretti Autosport from the 2013 season. The game also features at least two current (as of the 2014 season) circuits of the Verizon IndyCar Series (the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Streets of Long Beach).

## Motorsports career results

### American open-wheel racing results

#### Barber Dodge Pro Series

(key) (Races in **bold** indicate pole position)

Year	Chassis	Engine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Rank	Points
1998	Reynard 98E	Dodge V6	SEB	LRP	DET	WGI	CLE	GRA	MDO23	ROA	LS1	ATL	HMS22	LS2	<b>40th</b>	-
2000	Reynard 98E	Dodge V6	SEB8	MIA	NAZ2	LRP4	DET24	CLE9	MDO6	ROA3	<b>VAN</b> 8	LS5	RAT10	HMS7	<b>5th</b>	<b>104</b>
2001	Reynard 98E	Dodge V6	SEB2	PIR9	<i>LRP</i> 1	LRP22	DET15	CLE19	TOR1	CHI20	MDO4	ROA9	<i>VAN</i> 3	LS18	<b>5th</b>	<b>114</b>

#### Atlantic Championship

(key) (Races in **bold** indicate pole position)

Year	Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Rank	Points
2002	<b>Hylton Motorsports</b>	MTYRet	<i>LBH</i> 18	<i>MIL</i> Ret	<b>LS</b> 1	POR4	<i>CHI</i> 1	TOR4	<b>CLE</b> 1	TRR7	ROARet	MTL22	DENRet	<b>6th</b>	<b>102</b>

#### Champ Car World Series



(key) (Races in **bold** indicate pole position)

Year	Team	Chassis	Engine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Rank
2003	<b>American Spirit Team Johansson</b>	<b>Reynard 02i</b>	<b>Ford Cosworth XFE</b>	STP 16	MTY 12	LBH 7	BRH 16	LAU 11	MIL 16	LS 12	POR 17	CLE 9	TOR 11	VAN 6	ROA 10	MDO 3	MTL 17	DEN 15	MIA 12	<i>MXC</i> 11	SRF 1	FON NH	<b>14th</b>
2004	<b>Herdez Competition</b>	<b>Lola B02/00</b>	<b>Ford Cosworth XFE</b>	LBH 7	MTY 8	<i>MIL</i> 1*	POR 12	CLE 11	TOR 8	VAN 8	ROA 4	DEN 16	MTL 18	LS 5	LVS 13	SRF 5	MXC 19						<b>9th</b>
2005	<b>Rocketsports Racing</b>	<b>Lola B02/00</b>	<b>Ford Cosworth XFE</b>	LBH 13	MTY 7	MIL 17	POR 15	CLE 18	TOR 6	EDM 16	SJO 14	DEN 6	MTL 12	LVS 10	SRF	MXC							<b>15th</b>

<sup>^</sup> *New points system implemented in 2004.*

Years	Teams	Races	Poles	Wins	Podiums (Non-win)	Top 10s (Non-podium)	Championships
4	3	43	1	2	1	15	0

IndyCar Series

(key) (Races in **bold** indicate pole position)

Year	Team	Chassis	Engine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
2007	<b>Rahal Letterman Racing</b>	<b>Dallara IR07</b>	<b>Ilmor-Honda Indy V8 HI7R</b>	HMS	STP	MOT	KAN	INDY	MIL	TXS	IOW	RIR	WGL	NSH	MDO 7	MIS 6	KTY 15	SNM 18	DET 18	CHI 7	
2008	<b>Rahal Letterman Racing</b>	<b>Dallara IR07</b>	<b>Ilmor-Honda Indy V8 HI7R</b>	HMS 7	STP 17	MOT <sup>1</sup> 7	LBH <sup>1</sup> DNP	KAN 18	INDY 6	MIL 15	TXS 20	IOW 8	RIR 16	WGL 1	NSH 19	MDO 10	EDM 8	KTY 9	SNM 18	DET 6	CHI 9
2009	<b>Vision Racing</b>	<b>Dallara IR07</b>	<b>Ilmor-Honda Indy V8 HI7R</b>	STP 2	LBH 11	KAN 15	INDY 32	MIL 12	TXS 16												
	<b>A. J. Foyt Enterprises</b>									IOW 19	RIR 15	WGL 21	TOR 7	EDM 17	KTY 14	MDO 4	SNM 19	CHI 15	MOT 21	HMS 13	
2010	<b>Andretti Autosport</b>	<b>Dallara IR07</b>	<b>Ilmor-Honda Indy V8 HI7R</b>	SAO 2	STP 11	ALA 12	<i>LBH</i> 1	KAN 5	INDY 18	<i>TXS</i> 7	IOW 8	WGL 7	TOR 3	EDM 5	MDO 10	SNM 8	CHI 4	<i>KTY</i> 21	MOT 9	HMS 11	
2011	<b>Andretti Autosport</b>	<b>Dallara IR07</b>	<b>Ilmor-Honda Indy V8 HI7R</b>	STP 21	ALA 14	LBH 23	SAO 18	INDY <sup>3</sup> DNQ	TXS 19	TXS 9	MIL 26	IOW 8	TOR 3	EDM 7	MDO 3	NHM 1	SNM 10	BAL 8	MOT 24	KTY 5	LVS <sup>4</sup> C
	<b>A. J. Foyt Enterprises</b>							INDY <sup>3</sup> 23													
2012	<b>Andretti Autosport</b>	<b>Dallara DW12</b>	<b>Ilmor-Chevrolet Indy V6</b>	STP 3	ALA 12	LBH 6	SAO 2	INDY 27	DET 7	TXS 21	<i>MIL</i> 1	IOW 1	TOR 1	<b>EDM</b> 7	MDO 24	<i>SNM</i> 18	BAL 1	FON 4			
2013	<b>Andretti Autosport</b>	<b>Dallara DW12</b>	<b>Ilmor-Chevrolet Indy V6</b>	STP 18	<b>ALA</b> 1	LBH 24	<b>SAO</b> 11	INDY 3	DET 2	DET 18	TXS 2	<i>MIL</i> 1	IOW 2	POC 20	TOR 18	TOR 19	<b>MDO</b> 5	SNM 6	BAL 20	HOU 20	HOU 21
2014	<b>Andretti Autosport</b>	<b>Dallara DW12</b>	<b>Honda Indy Turbo V6</b>	STP 2	<b>LBH</b> 20	ALA 1	IMS 2	INDY 1	DET 16	DET 19	TXS 19	HOU 7	HOU 6	POC 18	IOW 1	TOR 21	TOR 14	MDO 10	MIL 21	SNM 2	FON 16
2015	<b>Andretti Autosport</b>	<b>Dallara DW12</b>	<b>Honda Indy Turbo V6</b>	STP 7	NLA	LBH	ALA	IMS	INDY	DET	DET	TXS	TOR	FON	MIL	IOW	MDO	POC	SNM		

\* Season still in progress

<sup>1</sup> *Run on same day.*

<sup>2</sup> *Non-points-paying, exhibition race.*

<sup>3</sup> *Failed to qualify; subsequently replaced Bruno Junqueira in a car owned by A. J. Foyt Enterprises.*

<sup>4</sup> *The Las Vegas Indy 300 was abandoned after Dan Wheldon died from injuries sustained in a 15-car crash on lap 11.*

Years	Teams	Races	Poles	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Indianapolis 500 Wins	Championships
9	4	127	5	12	33	66	1	1 (2012)

Indianapolis 500

Year	Chassis	Engine	Start	Finish	Team
2008	Dallara IR07	Ilmor-Honda Indy V8 HI7R	20	6	Rahal Letterman Racing
2009	Dallara IR07	Ilmor-Honda Indy V8 HI7R	32	32	Vision Racing
2010	Dallara IR07	Ilmor-Honda Indy V8 HI7R	17	18	Andretti Autosport
2011	Dallara IR07	Ilmor-Honda Indy V8 HI7R	DNQ		Andretti Autosport
	Dallara IR07	Ilmor-Honda Indy V8 HI7R	33	23	A.J. Foyt Enterprises
2012	Dallara DW12	Ilmor-Chevrolet Indy V6	3	27	Andretti Autosport
2013	Dallara DW12	Ilmor-Chevrolet Indy V6	7	3	Andretti Autosport
2014	Dallara DW12	Honda Indy Turbo V6	19	<b>1</b>	Andretti Autosport



## Angela DiPietro

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**From:** RICHARD CLARK [mailto:dick.clark@clarkleadershipconsulting.com]  
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**To:** Tim McGovern  
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Tim:

Please find attached a PDF completed nomination for Ina Lee, President of TravelHost Magazine for the 2015 Walk of Fame Recognition.

As you will see from the nomination, she has been the virtual impetus bringing both passion and clout to moving our city, and in particular our beach to where it is today. I know of her contributions by the nature that I was at that time (1985- forward) the CEO of the Fort Lauderdale Chamber and worked directly with Ina, witnessing first hand her leadership, commitment, and determination to help our city transition for the future. Those were very tough times and Ina rose to the occasion to fight for our future.

I do hope that you will afford Ina Lee the honor she so rightly deserves for all of her dedication and love for our city.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me personally.

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- Awarded the Chamber's prestigious Carolyn M. Michaels 2011 Leadership Award
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### **2015 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form**

The City established the Walk of Fame in 2010 at the inaugural Great American Beach Party to pay tribute to the legendary Connie Francis on the 50th Anniversary of "Where the Boys Are," the 1960 film which made Fort Lauderdale an overnight sensation and a "must see" destination for visitors.

Walk of Fame Honorees are recognized for distinguishing themselves in their respective fields, while making lifelong, positive contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale. As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative marble paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is located on the beach along the east side of A1A at Las Olas Boulevard.

Walk of Fame Honorees are announced at the Great American Beach Party, which annually takes place on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2015 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. Please feel free to attach additional sheets or submit your responses via email to [tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov). The deadline for the 2015 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame nomination is **Friday, April 3.**

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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community. Examples include civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other categories.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Submitted by: Richard G. Clark

Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended.

All nominations must be received by **Friday, April 3, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.** Submissions may be mailed to: Tim McGovern, City of Fort Lauderdale, Parks and Recreation Department, 1350 W. Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312. Forms may also be emailed to [tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov). Nominations and background materials submitted after **Friday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m. will not be accepted.** If you have any questions, please call 954-828-4340 or email [tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov).





March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

To: The City of Fort Lauderdale  
2015 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form

From: Richard G. Clark, CEO & President  
Clark Leadership Consulting, Inc.

Re: Nomination of Ina Lee

It gives me great pleasure to nominate Ina Lee of TravelHost Magazine for the 2015 Walk of Fame Honoree. As you will quickly see from the attached responses to the questions on the nomination form, Ina has been one of the most influential advocates for Fort Lauderdale, our beach, the hospitality industry and the like. Please find the answers to the questions on the nomination form below:

Question #1 Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community. Examples include civic responsibilities, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other categories.

Ina Lee has worked tirelessly, and pro bono, for the transformation and redevelopment of Fort Lauderdale beach and tourism since in the early 1980s. She was on the board of Whitbread Round The World Race and then went on to create Winterfest, to change the image of the destination. She chaired Winterfest for its first 6 years. Under her leadership, *Today Show's* Willard Scott broadcasted the weather from the beach for 3 years and the *Bob Hope Christmas Special* was filmed here, creating national exposure for Fort Lauderdale. She also created the Winterfest Black Tie Ball, held at Marriott's Harbor Beach, and the Beach Ball, bringing national entertainment to the beach. For her efforts, she was honored as the City's Citizen of the Year 1987. She

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was on the original Spring Break Task Force, which was created to control Spring Break and then formed the Beach Council, which was brought into the Chamber. The Beach Council played a major role in the redevelopment of the beach, from a slum and blighted area to a year-round upscale destination. During her 7-year tenure, a police substation was brought to the beach; the bond issue was passed, creating the wave wall promenade; a jazz fest; cinema by the sea; and many other projects. She went on to chair the Beach Council for two more years, 25 years later. She was appointed to the City's Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board, first by Mayor Naugle and in recent years by Mayor Jack Seiler. She served as its chair for many years, and now as its vice chair. She was instrumental in the creation of the BID (Beach Business Improvement District) and has served on this board since its inception. She was instrumental in the creation of Saturday Night Alive, which impacted summer business on the beach. Most recently, she has turned her attention to beach renourishment and was honored as Broward Day's Advocate of the Year, 2014, for being instrumental in securing the State's \$2.3 million funding for segment 2. Her magazine *TravelHost of Greater Fort Lauderdale* created a special section on Fort Lauderdale Beach in 2007 that has run in every issue since then. The Fort Lauderdale Beach introduction has been donated to a tune of \$316,000.00.

Question #2 Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Ina has dedicated innumerable hours to tourism and the promotion of our destination since the 1980s. She has served on the Convention and Visitor's Bureau's Marketing Advisory Committee (MAC) for the past 18 years and is currently its vice chair. She is a board member and vice chair of tourism for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. She was awarded Small Business Person of the Year; the Chamber's Chairman Award; and the Carolyn Michael's Leadership Award. She served for 4 years on the City's Centennial Board. She also serves on the board of Friends of Birch State Park; Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association and remains chair emeritus/founding chair of Winterfest and the Beach Council. Everything she has done, and continues to do, has helped to propel Fort Lauderdale into a world-class destination.

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## BIOGRAPHY OF INA LEE

Ina Lee is the owner of TravelHost Magazine of Greater Fort Lauderdale, now celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She has propelled TravelHost to the leader in visitor publications, now serving 100 hotels, 16,000 upscale hotel rooms every day as well as 96 prestigious condominium buildings. Her TravelHost edition has been recognized with numerous national awards and is considered the best TravelHost in the country, out of 50 markets. Her edition is also the longest running TravelHost in the country.

Ms. Lee has dedicated herself to Fort Lauderdale Beach since 1986 when she founded and chaired for seven years the Beach Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. Under her leadership, the Beach Council played a major role in the transformation of Fort Lauderdale Beach. She is now its chair emeritus. She has served for many years on the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board of the City of Fort Lauderdale and is currently its vice chair. She also serves on the board of the Beach Business Improvement District. She is on the Council of Economic Advisors for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

She was honored by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of the Carolyn M. Michaels Leadership Award. She was awarded the Broward Days Advocate of the Year, 2014, for her work on beach renourishment.

Ms. Lee was the founder of Winterfest, and served as its chairperson for its first 6 years. Under her leadership Winterfest became a nationally recognized festival featured on the *Today Show* and *Entertainment Tonight*. During her tenure Winterfest became the backdrop for the *Bob Hope Christmas Special*, which was seen by 30 million Americans. This was the first network television special originating from Broward.

Ms. Lee has served the tourism industry for 20 years as a member of the Marketing and Advertising Committee of the Convention and Visitors Bureau and is now its vice chair. She is also on the board of the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, Broward Chapter. She is currently on the board of trustees of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce as well as Friends of Birch State Park.

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She was a senior Seminar Leader for Landmark Worldwide for 10 years, leading transformational seminars to thousands of people and currently leads weekly meditation classes free of charge at George English Park Tennis Recreation Center, Fort Lauderdale.

She was born in Connecticut, went to Simmons College in Boston, was the managing editor of two national magazines in New York, *Status* owned by Curtis Publishing Company and *Show*, owned by Huntington Hartford.

She has two sons, Adam, a financial planner, and Noah, a family practice physician specializing in HIV and a granddaughter Jaedyn. She is married to Gary Foster, a general contractor.

**Awards:**

**Broward Days, Advocate of the Year, 2014**

**Carolyn M. Michael Leadership Award, 2013**

Small Business Person of the Year, 2008- Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber

Citizen of the Year - City of Fort Lauderdale, 1988

Chairman's Award - Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, 1988

Signature Grand Award- Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, 1996

March of Dimes Women of Distinction, 1996

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America Women of Distinction, 1995

TravelHost Omni Awards, 1991, 1994, 2000, 2005

This nomination is submitted on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 by:

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**Subject:** 2015 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form

Mr. McGovern,

Please find attached a Nomination for Big John McLaughlin as the 2015 Walk of Fame Honoree.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Lowell



## Nomination for the 2014 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame

To: Tim McGovern, City of Fort Lauderdale  
Parks and Recreation Department  
1350 W. Broward Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312  
tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov

Dear Mr. McGovern:

It is truly my honor to nominate Big John McLaughlin as a Walk of Fame Honoree for his lifelong contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale, and preservation of the ocean and our coral reefs.

Please find below the nominee contact information, and application.

Your consideration of Mr. McLaughlin as a Walk of Fame Honoree is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Karen Lowell*

Karen Lowell

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Name of Nominee:	"Big John" McLaughlin
Address:	630 Tennis Club Drive, Apt. 201, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Home Phone:	(954) 292-7385 (service)
E-mail:	Bigjohnq007@aol.com



## **Fort Lauderdale's Local Treasure**

### **1. Big John McLaughlin's tremendous contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale**

Master Diver "Big John" McLaughlin is indeed "Mr. Fort Lauderdale Beach!" Although one of his lesser known accomplishments, it is perhaps what makes Big John most deserving of the 2014 Walk of Fame recognition - - his preservation of Fort Lauderdale's coral reefs! Big John has dedicated his life to studying and preserving the ocean, and educating adults and children on the underwater treasures that we need to protect for future generations.

In the decades he spent underwater in Fort Lauderdale, Big John witnessed firsthand the heart-breaking destruction of our coral reefs when container ships and tankers waiting to enter Port Everglades would drop their enormous anchors onto the fragile, thousand year old coral heads. He initially went to the Port Captain and then to the Coast Guard, but no one listened to him about the severity of the damage being caused. Big John believed that if others could see what he saw under the sea - they would take action to protect our reefs. He used his vast cinematic experience, dove down to the third reef and filmed an anchor ripping through the coral as the seas rocked the ship in the choppy surf above. He followed with his camera from the anchor, up the line and right to the ship, even filming the name of the ship.

A picture was worth a thousand words and the video definitely caught people's attention. Big John selflessly dedicated 10 years of his life - 10 years of lobbying, paperwork, and use of the video and underwater photography to convince politicians to draw a line on the charts and create an anchor zone for big ships to anchor away from Ft. Lauderdale's aquarium-like third reef! After his herculean efforts and an Act of Congress, in 1993, Big John was instrumental in finally establishing such an anchor zone with monetary penalties to ships who continued to drop anchors on our reefs.

Without Big John's vision and extraordinary dedication to this cause, there would be nothing but a desolate scrap yard of random pieces of live coral, instead of the now lush, vibrant coral reef systems that attract divers from around the world to Fort Lauderdale's renowned dive sites!

### **2. Big John is Recognized for Distinguishing Himself in his Field and Making Lifelong Contributions to the City of Ft. Lauderdale and its Treasured Coral Reefs**

Big John has preserved the lure of Ft. Lauderdale's beach and coral reef system that has made Ft. Lauderdale a worldwide top destination for diving! A marble paver on the Walk of Fame honoring Big John would serve as a tribute to remind locals and tourists alike of his lifelong contributions to preserving the ocean, to saving Ft. Lauderdale's reefs, and to sharing with all of us the beauty and majesty of the underseas world through cinema! No one paid him to spend a decade of his life to save Ft. Lauderdale's reefs - this is a man who took action because he cares deeply and he wants more people to be made aware that the ocean is a very important treasure that we need to leave to future generations in good condition.



Big John's distinctive career has already drawn well-deserved recognition. In April 2007 Big John was bestowed the first ever "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the ***National Week of the Ocean*** in recognition for his marine-related experiences in engineering, ocean preservation, salvage and towing, underwater cinematography, diving instruction and technical advising for the film and television industry. Dozens of diving colleagues and admirers, environmentalists, film industry friends and fellow Navy veterans were in attendance as he received the honor. Recently Big John was nominated and approved to receive the upcoming 2014 "Lifetime Service Award" from ***the International Swimming Hall of Fame***, an honor that is awarded very sparingly, the last one being awarded in 2007. Big John was also recognized as Scuba Diving Magazine's 1998 "Diver of the Year."

### **3. Biographical information on Big John McLaughlin - A Deserving Nominee for this Fort Lauderdale Honor!**

Big John McLaughlin is a living LEGEND and protector of Ft. Lauderdale's coral reefs! He is larger than life, handsome and rugged with eyes bluer than deep ocean water. At 87, he has lived in Ft. Lauderdale for almost 50 years and is this generations most sought after dive expert! Among his many lifetime accomplishments, perhaps the most noteworthy is that ***Big John was a U.S. Navy Diver and served in WW II and the Korean War!*** Big John always wanted to be a Navy Diver, and his life and career revolved around the ocean. After the wars he became an oil rig diver in the Gulf in the 1950s, and later became a top instructor for the Divers Training Academy of Miami, as well as serving as company engineer.

Big John studied underwater high-tech at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and dive medicine at Duke University. His resume would more resemble a novel, with careers including a Deep Sea Diver, Stunt Diver, Marine Engineer, Underwater Cinematographer, Marine Mammal Trainer, Guardian of the Sea, Coast Guard Certified Master Diver and Instructor, Coast Guard Certified Master U.S. Merchant Marine, Demolition Instructor, Deep Water Salvage for the U.S. Navy, a ship's captain, weapon's expert, commercial diver, and was a Member of the Federal Disaster Squad with top secret clearance. In his career he has taught hard hat diving, scuba, demolitions, salvage, deep diving, and decompression sickness. He also taught rebreathers, which he had worked on in the Navy in the early 60s and 70s when this was cutting edge technology.

In 1968 when a large 707 went down, Big John was a member of the investigating team sent to dive 300 feet down to retrieve the black box (flight data recorder). Big John was one of the first to dive with neon (gas) in the experimentation phase, and dove as deep as 520 feet using the neon. He dove 400 feet under ice to recover military aircraft and made 300 foot free ascents from a nuclear submarine for the Navy just to prove it could be done - that the crew could escape. Big John was also the first to shoot a nuclear sub, with a camera, while it cruised back and forth in the Tongue of the Ocean.

Despite enormous success throughout his life, Big John is likely best known for his lifetime achievements in cinema. He was instrumental in bringing scuba and the then mysterious, underseas world into our homes through television and movies. In the TV series "Sea Hunt", he was the stunt double for Lloyd Bridges, and later trained, filmed and introduced us to a very friendly dolphin named Flipper in the popular TV show.



Big John also brought us underwater adventure and excitement doing stunts, and using his *cinematic magic* in the underwater filming of many of the James Bond movies. England's "007 Magazine" published a 2009 article about Big John which began: "There are few members of the extensive 007 technical crews that can boast a longer association with the James Bond series than John McLaughlin. With a diving career spanning six decades, John's real-life experiences working on *Dr. No* through *License to Kill* are as exciting as any of 007's cinematic exploits ... In addition to the Bond movies he has contributed his innumerable skills, mostly aquatic, to hundreds of movies and television shows and commercials, sometimes working on several in the same day." Big John says the craziest thing he was ever asked to do was to bite a huge tiger shark when filming the James Bond movie "The Spy Who Loved Me". Ironical, coming from the man who dove 520 feet under the sea breathing experimental neon gas.

Throughout his expansive career, one of Big John's favorite things to do, well into his 80s, was to give lectures at schools and special events to educate children about preservation of the ocean. He still walks Ft. Lauderdale Beach every morning before sunrise and shares his stories of the sea with other early morning beach lovers - and casually observes, with satisfaction, the tankers anchored far offshore and away from our reefs.

**Submitted by:**

Karen Lowell - A Native Floridian, resident of Ft. Lauderdale for over 40 years, corporate attorney and a certified scuba diver on Ft. Lauderdale's reefs since 1988.

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(954) 424-6190

**Media References:**

<http://www.bobwirt.com/BigJohn.html>

<http://www.bobwirt.com/BigJohn007.html>

[http://www.internationallegendsofdiving.com/FeaturedLegends/John\\_McLaughlin\\_bio.htm](http://www.internationallegendsofdiving.com/FeaturedLegends/John_McLaughlin_bio.htm)

<http://www.fortlauderdaleobserver.com/bigjohn/pdf/Sunshine.pdf> (SUNSHINE, The Magazine of South Florida - July 14, 1996)





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Name: Laura Duksta

Address: 425 Bayshore Drive Unit 16

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 3304

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: 954.608.9119

Email: laura@lauraduksta.com



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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community. Examples include civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other categories.

Here you'll find a semi-complete overview of Big John's accomplishments and contributions. It doesn't highlight his time in the Marines--he lied about his age and joined when he was 17. He was in Japan the day they surrendered in WWII. He also worked for the military on many confidential projects that are obviously not shared here, including helping to create some of the first underwater cameras. While his work as a stunt man, diver, animal trainer are featured here, you'll also see that Big John was a BIG contribution to the diving world here in Fort Lauderdale and beyond. He was responsible for setting regulations for cargo ships anchoring beyond our natural reefs, so not to destroy them. He was part of worldwide salvage teams when planes went down, or nuclear weapons were lost. Big John spoke at schools and organizations all over Fort Lauderdale, the country and world, though he never asked to be paid, just his expenses were covered, as he didn't need to be paid for doing what he loved. Unfortunately when the love of his life, his wife, was diagnosed, treated and eventually lost her life to cancer, Big John also lost everything else, including his savings, condo on Fort Lauderdale beach, boats, cars, etc. He's been left with a small apartment he shares with others and a truck that barely gets him to the beach EVERY morning, before the crack of dawn, where he feeds the birds, spends time with his longest love-the ocean, and enjoys time with the dozens of friends he's made over the years. [www.bobwirt.com/bigjohn.html](http://www.bobwirt.com/bigjohn.html)

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

If you take the time to look through the three links I've shared in this nomination form, it will be clearly evident why Big John deserves this award. I would bet that no other individual has spent more time on the Fort Lauderdale Beach. He has trained 100's to dive and swim here. He was presented with one of only a few ever Lifetime Achievement Awards from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2014. Not only would we love to see him receive this star, that he undoubtedly deserves, but we would love for it to be placed on the boardwalk by the top of SE 5th Street where he has watched 1000's of sunrises and captured some beautiful pictures and the hearts of many people who are honored to call him a friend. We would love for this honor to be bestowed on him now while he's still living. He is someone who wishes he could have worked every day of his life, but his health and memory are failing and he is unable to perform like he did into his late 70's. Rarely do you meet a person who has lived their passion and contributed tirelessly and wantingly to their field.

over 9000 registered dives - including certifying 5000 divers

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

<https://youtu.be/9iACkhBCI08> This video was used to introduce Big John McLaughlin, James Bond stunt diver, when he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale June 13, 2014. You can find a more complete bio along with dozens of clips/photos from movies, TV, Ads, etc here [www.fortlauderdaleobserver.com/bigjohn/index.html](http://www.fortlauderdaleobserver.com/bigjohn/index.html) It seems you may have to copy and paste these links.

Submitted by: Laura Duksta 965.608.9119 Laura@LauraDuksta.com

Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended.

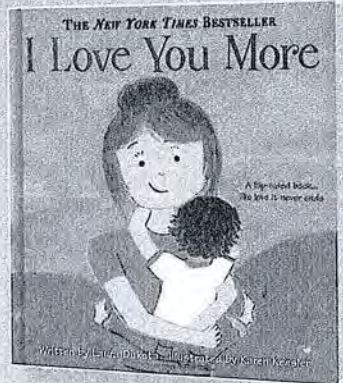
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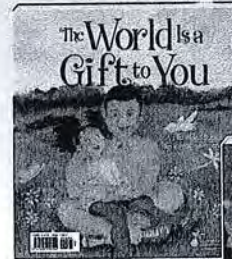


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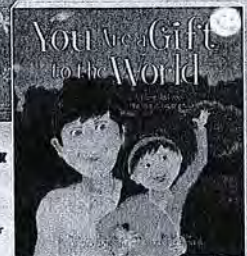


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## **LAURA DUKSTA... AMBASSADOR OF LOVE**

a.k.a. "The Bald Chick" — Author, Speaker, Visionary

At age 11, Laura lost her hair to a condition called Alopecia Areata. Her mission and passion is inspiring people – especially children – to shine through the power of LOVE!

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## Angela DiPietro

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**From:** Chaz Adams  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 11:55 AM  
**To:** Angela DiPietro  
**Cc:** Phil Thornburg  
**Subject:** FW: Ron O'Brien  
**Attachments:** Ron O'Brien Vita.doc; ATT00001.htm; Ron O'Briens Resume.doc; ATT00002.htm

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Please start a folder where we can keep this correspondence.

Thanks,

Chaz Adams  
Public Affairs Manager  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
(954) 828-4748  
[ChazAdams@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:ChazAdams@fortlauderdale.gov)

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**From:** Phil Thornburg  
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**To:** Chaz Adams  
**Subject:** FW: Ron O'Brien

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**From:** Jack Seiler  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 11:52 AM  
**To:** Tim McGovern; Phil Thornburg; Lee Feldman  
**Cc:** Safeea Ali; Maxine Singh  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ron O'Brien

Please consider.

Thanks

Jack Seiler

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**From:** Tim O'Brien <[tobrienusa@gmail.com](mailto:tobrienusa@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** January 20, 2015 at 11:45:42 AM EST  
**To:** Jack Seiler <[Jack.Seiler@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:Jack.Seiler@fortlauderdale.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Ron O'Brien

Jack,

Let me know if you need anything else.



Thank you,

Tim

Tim O'Brien  
949-702-7706

On Tue, Jan 20, 2015 at 11:17 AM, Jack Seiler <[Jack.Seiler@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:Jack.Seiler@fortlauderdale.gov)> wrote:  
You can send me his bio and I will forward.

Thanks

Jack Seiler

> On Jan 20, 2015, at 10:25 AM, Tim O'Brien <[tobrienusa@gmail.com](mailto:tobrienusa@gmail.com)> wrote:  
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> Jack,  
>  
> I hope you are well. A lot going on these days.  
>  
> I had meant to ask you this before and feel a bit awkward doing so but I run along A1A north  
of Las Olas Blvd. across from the Elbo room on the east side of the street where there are 17  
stars of notable people in the history of our City.  
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> I thought that it might be a nice thing for my father to be recognized there as well. He coached  
8 U.S. Olympic Teams and numerous Olympic Medalists and World Champions trained with  
him at the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center from 1990-2006.  
>  
> Is there someone who you can direct me to so we can discuss this or get the ball rolling?  
>  
> Thank you,  
>  
> Tim O'Brien



## **Ronald Francis O'Brien**

6044 Strafford Oaks Drive  
Sebring, Florida 33875  
(863) 382-9116

### **EDUCATION**

1967	Ph.D. in Physical Education <i>The Ohio State University, Columbus</i>
1961	M.A. in Physical Education <i>The Ohio State University, Columbus</i>
1959	B.S. in Physical Education <i>The Ohio State University, Columbus</i>

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2004 - 2008	High Performance Director USA Diving, Indianapolis, Indiana
1991 - 2004	National Technical Director USA Diving, Indianapolis, Indiana
1996 - 2008	Diving Special Events Coordinator Hall of Fame Aquatic Complex, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
1990 - 1996	Director of Diving and Head Diving Coach <i>Hall of Fame Aquatic Complex, Fort Lauderdale, Florida</i>
1985 - 1990	Head Diving Coach <i>Mission Bay Aquatic Center, Boca Raton, Florida</i>
1978 - 1985	Head Diving Coach <i>Mission Viejo Nadadores, Mission Viejo, California</i>
1963 - 1978	Head Diving Coach <i>The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio</i>
1962 - 1963	Head Diving Coach <i>University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota</i>

### **ATHLETIC BACKGROUND**

1957, 1958, 1959	Varsity "O" letter winner for both Gymnastics and Diving <i>The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio</i>
1957, 1958, 1959	N.C.A.A. All-American for both One and Three Meter events <i>The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio</i>
1959	N.C.A.A. One Meter Champion <i>The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio</i>
1961	United States Diving All-American Three Meter Springboard
1961	United States National Three Meter Springboard Champion



# Ronald Francis O'Brien

## PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES

1985 - 1991	Board of Directors, <i>International Swimming Hall of Fame</i>
1981 - 1985	President, <i>U. S. Professional Diving Coaches Association</i>
1968 - 1990	United States Olympic Diving Committee
1981 - 1988	Board of Directors, <i>U. S. Diving, Inc.</i>
1976 - 1991	Chairman, Olympic Team Preparation Committee, <i>U. S. Diving, Inc.</i>
1973	First Chairman, International Committee, <i>U. S. Diving, Inc.</i>
1965 - 1984	Diving Rules Committee, <i>U. S. Diving, Inc.</i>
1972 - 1976	Diving Rules Committee, <i>N.C.A.A.</i>

## COACHING DISTINCTIONS

- Produced a United States National Champion in 25 of his 30 years as a coach and has had a National Champion for 24 consecutive years, from 1973 through 1996.
- In the 1988 Olympic Games, coached Greg Louganis to his second double gold medal performance in the springboard and platform events, making Greg the only man to accomplish back to back double gold medals in Olympic diving history.
- In 1986 all 12 United States Diving individual National Titles were won by Ron O'Brien divers.
- In 1984 the United States swept all four gold medals at the World Championships, the only time this has ever been accomplished and the first time any country has swept a major international world class event since 1952. The divers who accomplished this feat came from the Mission Viejo Nadadores, coached by Ron O'Brien.

## COACHING AWARDS

1996	United States Olympic Committee Diving Coach of the Year
1996	Phil Boggs Award - for outstanding contribution to United States diving
1996	Mike Peppe Memorial Award
1996	Inductee - Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame
1994	Mike Peppe Memorial Award
1993	WHOSAM Award - for commitment to excellence and dedication in diving
1993	Mike Peppe Memorial Award
1992	Mike Peppe Memorial Award
1988	Inductee - International Swimming Hall of Fame
1988	Mike Peppe Memorial Award
1987	Mike Peppe Memorial Award
1986	Mike Peppe Memorial Award
1985	Mike Peppe Memorial Award
1984	Inductee - The Ohio State University Hall of Fame
1984	Mike Peppe Memorial Award
1983	Mike Peppe Memorial Award
1982	Mike Peppe Memorial Award
1981	Mike Peppe Memorial Award
1980	Mike Peppe Memorial Award
1979	Mike Peppe Memorial Award - first time awarded for outstanding senior United States diving coach
1976	James A. Rhodes - for participation in the 1976 Olympic Games
1976	Fred Cady Award - for coaching an Olympic Champion
1974	Mike Malone Award - for outstanding contributions to United States diving



# Ronald Francis O'Brien

## MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

<b>1996</b>	<b>Head Coach - United States Olympic Team</b>
1995	Head Coach - United States World Cup Team
1994	Head Coach - United States World Championship Team
1993	Head Coach - United States World Cup Team
<b>1992</b>	<b>Head Coach - United States Olympic Team</b>
1991	Coach - United States World Championship Team
1991	Head Coach - United States Pan American Team
1989	Co-Head Coach - United States World Cup Team
<b>1988</b>	<b>Head Coach - United States Olympic Team</b>
1987	Head Coach - United States Pan American Team
1987	Head Coach - United States World Cup Team
1986	Head Coach - United States World Championship Team
1985	Head Coach - United States World Cup Team
<b>1984</b>	<b>Head Coach - United States Olympic Team</b>
1983	Manager - United States Pan American Team
1983	Head Coach - United States World Cup Team
1982	Head Coach - United States World Championship Team
1981	Head Coach - United States World Cup Team
<b>1980</b>	<b>Head Coach - United States Olympic Team</b>
1978	Head Coach - United States World Championship Team
<b>1976</b>	<b>Head Coach - United States Olympic Team</b>
1975	Head Coach - United States World Championship Team
1975	Head Coach - United States Pan American Team
<b>1972</b>	<b>Head Coach - United States Olympic Team</b>
<b>1968</b>	<b>Assistant Coach, Manager - United States Olympic Team</b>
1967	Head Coach - United States Pan American Team

## NATIONAL TEAM TITLES

1991 - 1996	Fort Lauderdale Diving Team	20 Team Titles
1985 - 1990	Mission Bay Makos	16 Team Titles
1978 - 1985	Mission Viejo Nadadores	38 Team Titles
1972 - 1982	Ron O'Brien Diving School	<u>13</u> Team Titles
TOTAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS		87

## MEDALS WON BY RON O'BRIEN DIVERS

	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>	<u>BRONZE</u>
Olympic Games	5	3	4
World Championships	8	2	-
World Cup Championships	5	4	1
Pan American Games	14	4	2
World Student Games	3	4	3
U.S. National Championships	134	80	73
N.C.A.A. Championships	10	5	8
A.I.A.W. Championships	3	4	1
Big Ten Championships	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>
TOTALS	196	113	106





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Name: Joe Tinsley

Address: 6461 Cypress Road

City, State, Zip Code: Plantation, FL 33317

Home Phone: 954-298-5995 Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: tinsleyj@hotmail.com



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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community. Examples include civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other categories.

Richard Perry's contribution to the Fort Lauderdale community is seen everyday. He impacted the lives of thousands of young athletes as a coach at Wilton Manors' Mickel Field, Northeast High, Hallandale High and Stranahan High from 1970 through the mid 1990s and a Broward County Public School teacher for 35 years, retiring in 2008. He was also a role model and mentor to many of those same players, which included six players who went on to play professionally. Countless others have gone on to have successful careers as doctors, lawyers, business owners and many other professions right here in Fort Lauderdale. He made a similar impact in the classroom, as a math teacher. Students who never played a sport still consider him one of their favorite teachers and someone who instilled the confidence in them to excel. A teacher, coach, athletic director, author and guest speaker, Coach Perry's message of civic responsibility still resounds through so many of his former students and players.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Coach Perry is deserving of this award because of the positive impact he has had on the many thousands of Broward County and Fort Lauderdale residents that have been coached, taught and mentored by him. Coach Perry's message of "Others First" resonated in every player he coached and the students he taught. Coach Perry served as an excellent example of the highest standard of leadership and class and continues to do so today. He is a great example of what it is to be the total professional educator. He worked just as hard in the classroom, putting the needs of his students first, as he did coaching, putting his players needs first. As an Athletic Director, the needs of the school and its student-athletes were always the highest priority.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Richard F. Perry (age 71), Teacher/Coach for Broward County Schools for 35 years, was born and raised in Cabin Creek, W.Va., graduating from East Bank (W.Va.) High School in 1962. He went on to play football and baseball at Anderson University (Indiana). After graduation he spent six months at Miami Junior High School before moving to Illinois where he was the Head Football Coach at Niantic High School for two years. He moved back to South Florida in June of 1970. He was an assistant football coach at Northeast High School for four years. In 1974 Coach Perry was the first Head Football Coach at Hallandale High School before moving on to Stranahan High School as an assistant for two years. He was the Head Football Coach from 1977-1993. Coach Perry compiled a 131-69-2 mark in 20 seasons as a Head Football Coach. He has received numerous professional awards, including County Coach of the Year by the Hollywood Sun-Tattler. He led the Dragons to their first football district and sectional championships in 1985. In his 26 years of coaching he experienced only two losing seasons. He also served as Stranahan's Athletic Director (1994-95) and continued to teach there until he retired in 2008. Coach Perry is married to Debbie and has two children Christine and Tom.

Submitted by: Joe Tinsley

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## Angela DiPietro

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**From:** Tim McGovern  
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2015 10:52 AM  
**To:** Angela DiPietro; Chaz Adams  
**Subject:** FW: tim schiavonee  
**Attachments:** Tim Schiavone App.pdf

Hi, Tim Smith is the person nominating him

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**From:** Rodrigo Canaval  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:05 AM  
**To:** Tim McGovern  
**Subject:** RE: tim schiavonee

Done, please check and advise.

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**From:** Tim McGovern  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2015 10:54 AM  
**To:** Rodrigo Canaval  
**Subject:** FW: tim schiavonee

**From:** g [<mailto:wdparrot@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2015 8:11 PM  
**To:** Tim McGovern  
**Subject:** tim schiavonee

Tim,  
Thanks for thinking of me...

As per your request here is my little story

Moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1973 .Thought I died and went to heaven. I was 22 years old .Back home in Trenton New Jersey I had to go to the local bowling alley to meet girls while their moms were busy bowling or using the Ladies room. When me and my best childhood friend drove to the beach we saw more girls than sand and knew we wanted to stay here. I landed a job at the Parrot Lounge as a bar boy and glass washer. We sold 7 beers for a dollar and the place was Dodge city. Over the next ten years I learned the business from the ground up. My mentors were seasoned bartenders, gamblers , fishermen , cops and alot of guys the cops were looking for. I was groomed by the best of the worst and loved every minute of it. Getting involved with the Chamber of Commerce and people like Ina Lee and Carolyn Micheals was a big positive influence on me . I learned how to make changes to my business and my neighborhood with the help of the city and other community business leaders.I currently own the business and property the WFParrot sits on. Lucky to have achieved the American Dream.

Tim you know I like to talk alot but not so much about myself. I love this town and what great opportunitys it has given me. I will forever be in debt to Fort Lauderdale and will not ever tire of giving back to my city.

### For the Record

2001 Citizen of the Year  
Honorary Irishman of the Year 2014  
Chairman of the Chamber Beach Council for 2 seperate term.  
board member of the Economic Developement Advisory Board forever .. left over term limits  
board member of the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board forever... still there



1980 raised the first 10,000.00 for a young boy to have facial surgery after being attachked by a dog. (got my ass kicked in my only boxing match) William Thies and sons emptied the warehouse and we had about 1000. people there .. they had more fun watching than I did...

The Parrot Lounge over the Last 45 Years has literally raised over a Million Dollars for any and every charity that asked for our help. Muscular Distrophy, Covenant House, Young Proffessionals, Pet Rescue, Toys for Tots and many more individuals who just needed a helping hand when caught in challenging times. We have survived 3 or more Reecessions and a Multitude of Tropical Storms and Hurricanes. My Staff of only three people plus myself represent over 100 years of service to the Parrot. We have proudly been apart of the history of the beach and continue to encourage the city to grow in a responsibe direction. Nothing make us more excited than making our visitors become our new next door neighbors. Thank you again for your thoughts and consideration

Tim Schiavone



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Name: Tim Schiavone

Address: 911 Sunrise Lane

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL, 333014

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: (954)563-1493 Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: wdparrot@aol.com



## 2015 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form – Page 2/2

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Board member of the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board forever... still there

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMORANDUM NO. 02-408

R-1 to  
R-4

DATE: March 12, 2002

TO: Mayor Jim Naugle  
Vice Mayor Gloria F. Katz  
Commissioner Tim Smith  
Commissioner Carlton B. Moore  
Commissioner Cindi Hutchinson

FROM: F. T. Johnson, City Manager 

BY: Leslie J. Backus, Director of Communications

SUBJECT: March 19, 2002 Agenda -- Resolution to Designate Honorees for Citizen Recognition Awards

Members of the Citizens' Board of Recognition, consisting of all past Mayors of the City of Fort Lauderdale, met on December 19, 2001 to select the 2002 Citizen of the Year, Distinguished Citizen, Honored Founder, and the Exemplary City Employee as listed below. At its Conference meeting of January 23, 2002 the City Commission concurred with the selections made by the Citizens' Board of Recognition. Attached for your convenience (**Exhibit A**) is a copy of the information distributed for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and the minutes.

Citizen of the Year  
Distinguished Citizens  
Honored Founder  
Exemplary City Employee

Tim Schiavone  
Judge Estella and Judge W. Herbert Moriarty  
Andrew DeGraffenreidt  
Charles Ritchie

Approval of the honorary designations as selected by the Citizens' Board of Recognition is recommended.

Attachment



**MEMORANDUM NO. 02-051**

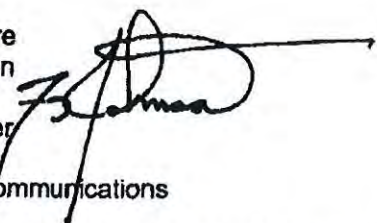
**DATE:** January 16, 2002

**TO:** Mayor Jim Naugle  
Vice Mayor Gloria F. Katz  
Commissioner Tim Smith  
Commissioner Carlton B. Moore  
Commissioner Cindi Hutchinson

**FROM:** Floyd T. Johnson, City Manager

**BY:** Leslie J. Backus, Director of Communications

**SUBJECT:** January 23, 2002 Agenda – Citizens' Board of Recognition Recommendations



The Citizens' Board of Recognition met on December 19, 2001 to consider nominations for those citizens most deserving of recognition in 2002. Following discussion, the Board voted to recommend the following individuals for the awards indicated below. Minutes of the Board's meeting are attached for your convenience as **Exhibit 1**.

**Citizen of the Year – Tim Schiavone**

Mr. Schiavone is recognized for his efforts to enhance the tourism and hospitality industry. He has helped develop the North Beach Merchant's Association, serves as president of the Beach Council and is a member of the Central Beach Alliance. He is a tireless advocate for the businesses and visitors of our City.

**Distinguished Citizens – The Hon. W. Herbert Moriarty and The Hon. Estella M. Moriarty**  
Judge Herbert and Judge Estella Moriarty have served the community as judges and will retire this year. The Board recognized both of them for their many years of legal, judicial and philanthropic contributions to the community.

**Honored Founder – Andrew DeGraffenreidt**

Mr. DeGraffenreidt is recognized for his service as a Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner, from 1973 – 1979. Mr. DeGraffenreidt was an educator in Broward County for over 30 years.

**Exemplary City Employee – Charles Ritchie**

Mr. Ritchie began his career with the City as a Planning Technician in 1960, retiring in 1988. He served as the City's Planning Director from 1983 to 1987. Mr. Ritchie is recognized for his leadership in emphasizing the need for planning throughout the City.

Upon confirmation by the City Commission, the honorees will be notified of their selection. A City Commission meeting date will be scheduled for the formal presentation of awards, pending the availability of the honorees and their families.

Attachment

**EXHIBIT" A "**

*City of Fort Lauderdale  
Citizens' Board of Recognition  
City Commission Conference Room  
December 19, 2001  
Minutes*

**Board Members Present**  
Robert O. Cox  
Robert Dressler  
E. Clay Shaw, Jr.

**Also Present**  
Floyd T. Johnson, City Manager  
Leslie Backus, Director of Communications/Board Liaison

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. Minutes of the December 13, 2000 meeting were approved.

Mr. Johnson expressed a warm welcome to the former Mayors from Mayor Naugle and the City Commission.

**Citizen Recognition Awards**

The Board discussed the awards program for this year, mentioning the number of suggested names has increased.

The Board noted that it would be helpful to have additional members serve on the Board, but City Commission approval of additional members was not approved when it was requested in a prior year. The Board asked Backus to request that the City Commission select by consensus, 2 former City Commissioners, one to serve for a 2-year term and the other to serve for a 3-year term.

A discussion was held regarding the categories of awards. Board members indicated a preference for recognizing living individuals, noting that according to the established criteria this is not mandatory. The concept of multiple honorees was mentioned; Board members indicated that this had not been done before, but there is not a rule preventing the nomination of more than one person for an award.

The following names will be recommended to the City Commission for its approval. The Board selected all nominees unanimously.

**Citizen of the Year**  
**Distinguished Citizens**

**Honored Founder**  
**Exemplary City Employee**

Tim Schiavone  
The Hon. Judge W. Herbert Moriarty and  
The Hon. Judge Estella Moriarty  
Andrew DeGraffenreidt  
Charles Ritchie



The Board directed Backus to prepare a letter to be sent to the selected nominees to let them know of their selection, and that their names will be forwarded to the City Commission for approval. Each member of the Board will sign the letter. The Board asked Backus to maintain a list of names for consideration for awards in future years.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

**Present:** Mayor Naugle  
Commissioners Hutchinson, Katz, Moore, and Smith

**Also Present:** City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, and Police Sergeant

**I-A – Citizens Board of Recognition**

The Commission was scheduled to consider recommendations made by the Citizens Board of Recognition to designate the following individuals for the honorary titles listed for the year 2002:

Tim Schiavone, Citizen of the Year  
The Honorable Judges Estella and W. Herbert Moriarty, Distinguished Citizens  
Andrew DeGraffenreidt, Honored Founder  
Chuck Ritchie, Exemplary City Employee

Mayor Naugle noted that this item would be presented for a formal vote. Ms. Leslie Backus, Public Information Office, advised that the date had not yet been set, but March 19, 2002 was being considered for the ceremony. Commissioner Katz was pleased to see some minorities on the list.

**Action:** Approved.

**I-B – Request for Proposals (RFP) – Former New River Post Office Site**

A discussion was scheduled about the drafted RFP for the development of the former New River Post Office Site. Commissioner Hutchinson understood the Performing Arts Center Authority (PACA) was an integral part of this area, and she hoped the RFP would include some sort of theater component. She asked the City Attorney to address the subject. The City Attorney said the concept suggested by Commissioner Hutchinson would essentially call for a merging of the two principal activities considered in the past. He recalled that the Commission had decided to hear from both the private and the non-profit sector of the community in terms of proposals for the use of the site. Due to the good work PACA did and the potential for a grant, he thought the RFP could be modified as suggested.

Mayor Naugle understood Commissioner Hutchinson was suggesting including a 300-seat theater in the RFP. Commissioner Hutchinson was interested in some type of theater component, but she did not intend to design a theater by means of the RFP. She was seeking some connection with the existing facility as an option. Mayor Naugle pointed out that this was Riverfront property, and there was already a theater in existence. He also noted that there were under-utilized theaters at the Museum of Art and at the Library. Mayor Naugle also felt that theaters had an interior focus rather than a relationship in the surrounding waterfront area. He was hoping for a more water-oriented use on this site. Commissioner Hutchinson thought the PACA had a great track record, and the grant would help fund a portion of the project. She felt it was an option.



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# AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

## CITY COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: March 19, 2002

### X CONFERENCE AGENDA

- ☐ Old/New Business - Requires Presentation  
☐ Conference Reports

### REGULAR AGENDA

- ☐ Consent Agenda ☐ Motion for Discussion  
☐ Public Hearing ☐ Ordinance ☒ Resolution

### TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM (SUBJECT):

Citizens' Board of Recognition Recommendations

### DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND ACTION DESIRED:

Consideration of recommendations made by the Citizens' Board of Recognition to designate the following individuals for the honorary titles as indicated below:

Tim Schiavone  
Judge Estella and Judge W. Herbert Moriarty  
Andrew DeGraffenreidt  
Charles Ritchie

Citizen of the Year  
Distinguished Citizens  
Honored Founder  
Exemplary City Employee

### FUNDS REQUESTED (PROVIDE INDEX CODE, SUBOBJECT, AND TITLE OF SUBOBJECT):

Not applicable

### RECOMMENDED ACTION (Use ONLY for Regular Agenda):

- ☐ Motion to Approve ☐ Introduce Ordinance ☐ Introduce Resolution

### APPEARANCE (NAMES AND TITLES OF OUTSIDE INDIVIDUALS ONLY):

EXHIBITS: AGENDA MEMO NO. 02- 408 FROM CITY MANAGER  
OTHER:

### COMMENTS/NOTES:

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Leslie Backus

DATE: 3/8/02

NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHOR: Leslie Backus, Director of Communications PHONE NUMBER: 828-4747

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Name: Nicole Hanaka

Address: 1627 S.E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

City, State, Zip Code: Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316

Home Phone: 954.828.1706 Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: 954.303.4927

Email: nichanaka@icloud.com



1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community. Examples include civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other categories.

Kim is a shining example of a leader in our community. She has contributed to the economic success of our community by building a strong company (Fastboats Marine Group) as well as assisting many charities including Jack and Jill Children's Center, Take Stock In Children and the Youth Automotive Training Center, Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society, and Racing For Cancer.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Kim is not only successful in business and supportive of various charities in Broward County, she is also a beacon of strength as she battles breast cancer with a positive attitude and amazing fortitude. She is a true hero to anyone facing health or personal difficulties.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

See attached

Kim Sweers, 954.683.7113 Kim@Fastboats.com

Submitted by: Minor M

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*Check out this awesome article about the Sweers, as they were featured in the Pelican Newspaper in Pompano Beach*

### **Husband-wife power team takes on luxury yachts, fishing and power boats with a team of expert technicians that keep them all ship-shape**

After three years in sales, Randy opened Florida Powerboat Brokerage in Fort Lauderdale in 1998, now known as FastBoats Marine Group. Randy was ahead of the curve in the mid-90s with the Internet. While others were lagging behind about this new technology, Randy's keyboards were smoking.

"We used the Internet to send pictures of boats to clients," he said. Meanwhile, his competition was stuck on snail mail and in showrooms.

By 2009, Randy had two warehouses and a 24,000 square-foot showroom on Copans Road and North Dixie Highway in Pompano Beach. And he was not alone. He and Kim had married in 2002, and Kim's business skills made this family, which now includes their son, Chase, a powerhouse partnership. Says Kim, "But it's Chase that keeps us grounded." She refers to the routine of school, sports and lots of family time. "We just have to work smart," she adds. "I am responsible for the daily operations of FastBoats Marine Group (Pompano and Aventura locations) including financial management, operational policies and procedures, marketing, human resources, and IT. In addition, I assist Randy in the management of the Parts, Service and Sales departments.

Randy and Kim made it through the 2008 economic nightmare, and shortly after formed a strategic partnership with Aqua Marine Partners, the parent company of Hidden Harbour marina storage in Pompano Beach as well as six other marinas in the Southeastern United States. The fit was perfect. Randy was finally on the water; he could offer his clients excellent dry and wet storage, and he had an exclusive agreement for service work at Hidden Harbour.

By now his team of technicians, headed up by his first marine boss, Richie Powers, had grown to seven. They currently have 19 employees they prefer to call "team members." Aqua Marine Partners runs the day-to-day operations at the marina, and the clients take advantage of FastBoats for their service needs. FastBoats has recently opened a new location at Hi-Lift Marina in Aventura where they have expanded their service and parts department and can now offer clients a second location for wet and dry storage.

### **Community**

The Sweers have committed to give back to the community that has contributed to their success. They strongly believe that the chains of poverty can be broken through educational and support services for underprivileged families. They sit on various community boards and support organizations such as the Jason Taylor Foundation, Take Stock in Children, Youth Automotive Training Center, and Jack and Jill Children's Center. They have aligned their personal mission of educating the underprivileged with these charities in hopes of making a difference in South Florida. Kim and Randy's belief is that you're never complete until you change the life of one less fortunate.





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**Randy and Kim Sweers are a different type of power couple, one that brings the highest level of performance on the water and off it.**

“If you’re not scared, then you’re not going fast enough,” Randy Sweers says.

For racing throttleman Sweers, it’s that innate need for speed, that glorious adrenaline rush that makes him the perfect pitch man for his company, FastBoats Marine Group. With nearly 20 years of experience in offshore racing (along with several championships and accolades), Sweers not only breathes his sport, he is the sport.

Leaning against an office wall, the thoughtful and polite Sweers – wearing a black company polo, dark loafers with blood-orange laces and no socks – reflects on the beginnings of his company. It should come as no surprise that Sweers’ life on the land mirrors his life when competing on the water. It’s on full

throttle, and Sweers would have it no other way.

Nowadays the tight-knit 20-member company is a multi-million-dollar organization – thanks in part to Sweers' wife and managing partner, Kim, and her streamlined and systematic background acquired from the corporate world – with headquarters in Pompano Beach and a satellite office in Aventura. Though its name has “fast” in its title, the full-service FastBoats Marine Group has more than just high-performance boats in its fleet, expanding to incorporate fishing boats, center console and other crafts. They are even the exclusive dealer for Midnight Express Boats, a leading manufacturer of performance fishing center console boats used by various government agencies.

Sweers' foray into the boat business began in Ontario, when the native Canadian would travel to South Florida to import small boats to potential Canadian buyers. After earning his MBA from the University of Toronto, Sweers moved to South Florida to work at Champion Marine, selling high-performance watercraft. After a few successful years there and then moving on to other marine craft dealers, Sweers wanted to start his own organization. As he puts it, “You'll never get rich working for someone else.”

***With a reputation as a seller of high-performance boats, 48-year-old Sweers says, “Everyone knew me as ‘the fast boats guy,’ so I eventually evolved that into our company name.” In 1994, he founded Florida Powerboat Brokerage, and in 2001 Sweers changed the name to FastBoats.com. Sweers even remembers the first new boat he ever sold: a 38 Cigarette Top Gun to a Canadian owner named Fred.***

For Sweers and his wife, Kim, 46, life in the fast lane eventually landed them in a prime position as one of South Florida's premier watercraft dealers. With their expanded fleet, the company has rebranded itself as FastBoats Marine Group. As managing partner, Kim helped transform it from a \$4 million company in 2001 to a \$30 million one in 2008. Her previous background as a vice president of sales and marketing for a data company proved valuable in structuring FastBoats into the reputable organization it is today. Kim has even expanded FastBoats' scope by winning bids with the City of Miami to manage its fleet and mooring vessels, and the City of Miami Beach to service its marine boats as well as provide parts and replacements.

Community-oriented and a visible leader in several South Florida non-profits, Kim keeps FastBoats moving forward with her business savvy, reminded every day to take the company to the next level with a Wayne Huizenga quote affixed to the top of her computer monitor. “Be fiscally conservative so we can be operationally aggressive,” it reads. But it isn't that quote alone that keeps Kim going on a day-to-day basis. Next to Mr. Huizenga's quote is a bright pink Post-it note from the Sweerses' 7-year-old son, Chase. On it, Chase writes, “I love you Mom.”

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## Racing For Cancer Honored For Efforts In Qatar

Randy Sweers, the owner and throttleman of the *Racing For Cancer Ilmor* Marine-engine-powered *MTI* catamaran was honored yesterday for his team's ongoing efforts in promoting cancer awareness and early detection by Sheikh Dr. Khalid bin Jabor Al-Thani. The older brother of Sheikh Hassan bin Jabor Al-Thani, the head of the Qatar Marine Sports Federation and the principal architect of the Qatar Cup, Dr. Kahlid bin Jabor Al-Thani was the Minister of Health for Qatar and has long been involved with cancer research and fundraising.

*American offshore racer Randy Sweers was honored in Qatar for his team's ongoing efforts in promoting cancer awareness and early detection by Sheikh Dr. Khalid bin Jabor Al-Thani.*

"We met in the wet pit area at the boat at 9 a.m. yesterday," said Sweers, whose wife, Kim, was diagnosed with cancer in 2014. "We discussed the importance of early detection—the award was a small token of his appreciation for what we represent."

Though today is a race day and Randy Sweers is tied up getting ready for competition this afternoon, Kim Sweers and their son, Chase, visited the Cancer Center and Hospital in Doha, the country's capital city and site for the Qatar Cup.

"We were told the hospital is spectacular—like everything else here," Randy Sweers said. "We're very honored to receive this award and to be recognized for our efforts in the battle against cancer."

## Angela DiPietro

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**From:** Tim McGovern  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2015 10:51 AM  
**To:** Chaz Adams; Angela DiPietro  
**Cc:** Tim McGovern  
**Subject:** FW: Walk of Fame Nomination Forms - AJ Yaari  
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Good morning Tim

It's with pleasure I am submitting a nomination for AJ Yarri in recognition of the City of Fort Lauderdale's annual Walk of Fame announced during the Great American Beach Party on May 23, 2015.

Attached are the requested application form, biography and a clipping book of Mr. Yaari's properties and press.

Should there be any additional information needed, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you in advance for the consideration.  
Ari

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Name: Aiton Joseph (AJ) Yaari

Address: Office: 229 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: 954.295.5949 Cell: 954.295.5949

Email: AJ@ItsBetterOnTheBeach.com

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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community. Examples include civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other categories.

Mr. Yaari has served as a member of the Beach Business Improvement District (BBID) Board from 2010 - 2013, and as a member of the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board (BRAB) Board from 2007-2012 and 2014 - present. He additionally stays up to date on business and industry related matters through representation and participation as a member in the Greater Fort Lauderdale Beach Council Board of Governors, the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, Broward Chapter Board and Central Beach Alliance.

For more than two-decades Mr. Yaari has taken a personal interest, both financially and by volunteering his time, in the development, rehabilitation and beautification of Fort Lauderdale, with a concentrated effort on the main "hub" of Fort Lauderdale Beach where he owns and operated several businesses. In 2012 he received an award by the City of Fort Lauderdale with for Outstanding Urban Design for his interior remodel, exterior rehabilitation and the addition of a walkway connecting Almond Avenue with A1A for pedestrian traffic, and in 2014 was nominated by the Community Appearance Board for this restaurant, Tsukuro.

With a belief there is a natural relationship between business and community, each of Mr. Yaari's businesses generously support initiatives and organizations which feed and house children and families, via nonprofit wine tastings, direct donations, fund-raisers and as a host location for several city backed events.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

A true visionary, A.J. Yaari has built his success on evolving with Fort Lauderdale Beach, as it has evolved, to attract a more sophisticated year-round clientele. From working in a retail shop on Fort Lauderdale Beach in the early 1990s to owning and managing more than a dozen properties on Fort Lauderdale Beach, Yaari has since become a highly successful entrepreneur, helping to transform the destination.

"As a 24-year-old working in a T-shirt shop, I looked at Fort Lauderdale Beach, and knew what it could become," said Yaari. "With luck, vision, and incredible ambition, I am proud to of my role in making the beach destination what it is today – by believing in giving people an experience, not just a meal."

A champion for the area, in 2011, Mr. Yaari committed to the growth and beautification of Fort Lauderdale Beach through personal financial contributions to rehabilitate his A1A frontage properties and surrounding area of Almond Avenue and SE 5th street. Starting with interior and exterior renovations at his restaurant Spazio, he worked north, improving the pedestrian walkway connecting Almond Avenue and A1A, as well as the interiors and exteriors of Rock Bar (219), Sangrias (221), Blondies (229) St. Bart's Cafe (441), and the construction of a two-story glass enclosed landmark restaurant, Tsukuro.

Over the past 5 years, Yaari has taken Fort Lauderdale Beach to a new level of chic, with plans to grow with Fort Lauderdale Beach even more.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Aiton Jospeh (AJ) Yaari Bio - Attached

Contact Phone: 954.295.5949

Email: [AJ@ItsBetterOnTheBeach.com](mailto:AJ@ItsBetterOnTheBeach.com)

Submitted by: Arianne Glassman 954.205.8754

Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended.

All nominations must be received by **Friday, April 3, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.** Submissions may be mailed to: Tim McGovern, City of Fort Lauderdale, Parks and Recreation Department, 1350 W. Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312. Forms may also be emailed to [tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov). Nominations and background materials submitted after **Friday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m. will not be accepted.** If you have any questions, please call 954-828-4340 or email [tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov).



**Aiton Joseph (A.J.) Yaari**

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The son of an Israeli Air Force pilot, Yaari was born in Chicago, Ill., and lived there until age 10 while his father attended school in the area. The family then moved back to Israel, where Yaari later joined the Israeli Army. After graduating from the University of Haifa with a business degree, he moved back to his hometown, Chicago, and later to Los Angeles, California where he ran a construction company; an experience that gave him the knowledge he uses to this day for construction projects he oversees.

At the age of 24, Yaari moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. “during the last years of ‘Spring Break’ in Fort Lauderdale,” as he says, to be closer to friends. It was at this time that he began working on Fort Lauderdale Beach, delivering shirts for a 500-square-foot T-shirt shop. In a short time, he assumed a role as the stores’ manager, and started to notice shift. While many shops were closing on the beach, Yaari had the foresight to know that the area would someday be a center of activity.

In 2002, Yaari saw an opportunity to open his first restaurant, Café Del Mar, when a popular Fort Lauderdale Beach restaurant closed. At the same time, he and his partner started buying parcels of land, and created an “assemblage” of beachfront properties.

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Yaari’s vision to provide upscale dining experiences along Fort Lauderdale Beach came to fruition with the opening of Spazio in 2005, a restaurant, which a decade later remains a well-reputed dining destination known for its fine Italian and Mediterranean cuisine, exceptional wine list and nightly live entertainment. Over the next five years, he continued to build upon his role in Fort Lauderdale Beach’s entertainment district, assuming ownership of Sangrias Mexican Cantina (2006), the popular Sports Bar, Blondies in 2006, and St. Bart’s Coffee Co., in 2007, a quaint, café/coffee shop favored by locals and visitors.

Yaari continued the expansion in the Hospitality sector, assuming ownership of Rock Bar in 2009, and nearly a decade after opening their flagship restaurant, Spazio, he opened the upscale, Asian-inspired eatery, Tsukuro; a pinnacle of his vision to revitalize the Fort Lauderdale dining scene with quality, consistency and impeccable service.

“The revitalization of Fort Lauderdale Beach is representative of the growth of Fort Lauderdale itself,” he continued. “With the expansion of Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, Fort Lauderdale Convention Center expansion, and the many other projects happening in the area, the city is booming, paving the way for its even more thriving future.”





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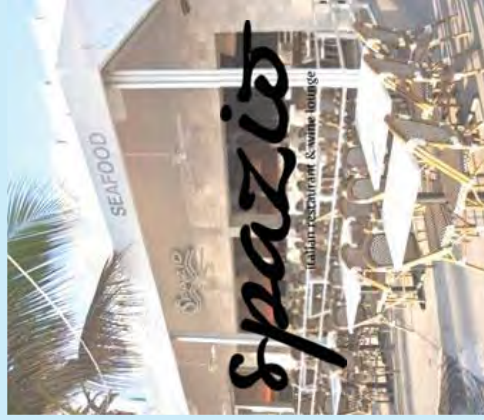
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## Fort Lauderdale Beach Restaurant Group



# Tsukuro :: *An Asian Inspired Eatery*

## Name:

Tsukuro :: An Asian Inspired Eatery  
The name derives from a blending of four words to define the restaurants culinary heritage and surroundings “where the moon arrives over the water”. The four words are Tsuki: meaning moon in Japanese; Tsuku: the adjective “to arrive”; Ku: The 5th element in Japanese philosophy meaning sky; and Kuro: in Japanese is Black- the feng shui color symbol for water.

## Opening Date:

February 8, 2014

## Location:

225 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, 33316  
954. 523. 1407

## Phone:

## Website:

[www.TsukuroFL.com](http://www.TsukuroFL.com)

## Social Channels:

Facebook: TsukuroFL | Twitter: @TsukuroFL | Instagram: TsukuroFL

## Service Hours:

Lunch: Sun. - Sat. 11:00am - 4:00pm  
Dinner: Sun. - Thur. 4:00pm - 11:00 pm; Fri. + Sat.: 4:00pm - midnight  
Happy Hour: Mon. - Fri. 11:00am - 6:00pm  
Bar: Sun. - Thur. 11:00am - midnight; Fri. + Sat.: 11:00am - 1:00am

## Owners & Management

Owners: AJ Yaari & Lior Avidor  
General Manager: Jay Oliviera  
Manager: Kosta Micev  
Executive Chef: Chef Michael White  
Sushi Chef: Chef Tian “Tim” Huang

## Awards/ Recognitions

Nominated for the 2014 City of Fort Lauderdale Community Appearance Award in the Restaurant/ Retail Category.  
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## Memberships

Greater Ft Lauderdale Chamber Beach Council, Board Member  
Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, Board Member

## Charity Partner

Feeding South Florida



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# Tsukuro :: In The News Highlights

- 11/6/14—New Times - Ten Most Expensive Menu Items in Broward and Palm Beach: Tsukuro Caviar Trio
- 8/23/14 - New Times: Chic, Upscale Tsukuro Is A Sign Fort Lauderdale Beach Is Ready To Grow Up
- Sept 2014 - City & Shore: CRITIC'S PICKS: 10 Best New Restaurants of 2014
- 7/23/14 - WFSL - Inside South Florida How To Make Sushi With Your Partner
- 7/11/14 - New Times - 5 Best Food & Drink Events This Weekend - # 2 Full Moon Glow Party At Tsukuro
- 7/11/14 - The Go Guide: Sun Sentinel Showtime: Moon Dance Full Moon Party
- 7/10/14 - Zagat - Weekend Planner: Food Trucks, Cherry Pie And Go Go Dancers
- 7/10/14 - Southflorida.com - Weekend Preview: Coconut Bikinis, Bikini Bottoms And A Moon Dance
- 7/7/14 - Eatermiami.Com Eaterwire - Tsukuro's Glow Party
- July 2014 Issue Las Olas Lifestyle Magazine | Japanese Chic Heads To The Beach
- 6/28/14 - SouthFloridaNightc.com | Tsukuro's Full Moon Glow Party
- 6/8/14 - New Times | South Florida Food And Drink Events - Sushi Dinner
- 6/9/14 - Sun Sentinel Front Page Mention | It's Simply Grand To Be A Heat Fan
- 6/2/14 - EaterMiami.com | Eaterwire: Sushi Day
- June 2014 Issue: In Weston Magazine | Fort Lauderdale Beach Feast - Feature
- 5/15/14 - Topical Currents WLRN Radio - South Florida Restaurant Review - Tropical Currents
- 5/11/14 - Taste Of The Town With Lisa Petrillo - CBS4 Miami
- May 2014 Issue - Feature Review: Fort Lauderdale Magazine
- 4/29/14 - Thrillist.com | The Top 10 New Miami Restaurants That Opened This Spring
- 4/18/14 - Traveler Foodie.com | The Moon Arrives Over Fort Lauderdale Beach At Tsukuro
- 4/11/14 - Zagat Miami | 8 Amazing Dining Deals In Miami: Tsukuro Lucky You Happy Hour
- 4/3/14 - Bite With Belkys - WSVN 7
- 4/2/14 - Deco Drive - WSVN 7 Feature Story
- 4/2/14 - Zagat | Must Try: Happy Hour Sips: You're In LUCK!
- 4/1/14 - Miami.com | Tsukuro Launches "Lucky You" Happy Hour
- April 2014 Issue - Fort Lauderdale Magazine | Round up Tropical Subtropical
- 3/27/14 - Eaterwire | Lucky You ! Tsukuro Introduces 7/7/7
- 3/13/14 - Sun Sentinel | Fusion On The Beach
- 3/12/14 - Urban Daddy | Good Loud A Small-Plates Wonderland In Fort Lauderdale
- 3/11/14 - Rundown | The New Beach: Feature
- March 2014 Think Magazine | Asian Inspired Dining Lands On The Beach
- 2/27/14 - New Times | Tsukuro Brings Asian Fare And Modern Cuisine To Fort Lauderdale Beach
- 2/22/14 - Askmen.com | Top Pick Of The Week
- 2/21/14 - Zagatmiami.com | 8 Reasons To Drive To Fort Lauderdale #2 - Tsukuro
- 2/17/14 - Sun Sentinel | Business Section - Asian Restaurant [Tsukuro] Opens in Lauderdale
- 2/12/14 - Eater Miami | Fort Lauderdale Beach Finally Gets Its Tsukuro
- 2/12/14 - Zagat | Tsukuro: New Sushi Joint Hits Fort Lauderdale
- 2/11/14 - Miami.com | Bite Into Something New This Feb: Restaurant Openings



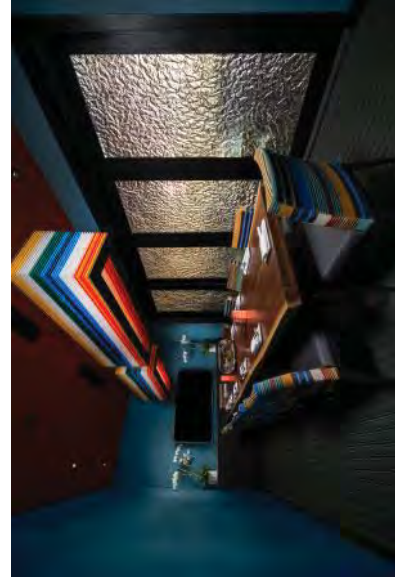
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# Tsukuro :: Unique Decor



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*"Tsukuro embodies the evolving direction of Fort Lauderdale, and particularly Fort Lauderdale Beach within the South Florida dining scene; cosmopolitan and chic yet relaxed and inviting, with the added bonus of a beautiful oceanfront setting," stated owner A.J. Yaari.*

**Interior Designer:** Karen Hanlon

**Architect:** Richard Cusmano

**Builder:** Peter

## Design Statement:

With a firm belief that the first taste is with the eyes, the stunning, 225-seat, 8,000-square foot eatery delivers beautifully; drawing one in with its impressive two-story glass-enclosed structure and contrasting black and gray palette with bursts of vibrant orange and teal.

A central statement to the restaurant's contemporary design is the raw bar display and communal sushi counter, encircled by a color-changing LED lighting structure, where diners can watch the action up close and personal from expertly trained sushi chefs.

An assortment of seating options, each elevated in a subtle stacked position, allows nearly every seat from the sidewalk tables to the raised patio, multi-level bar and main dining room, as well as the glass-enclosed private dining room, a vantage point of the activity along Fort Lauderdale Beach's bustling boulevard.



# Tsukuro :: Inspired Cuisine



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*"We consider our food 'Asian-Inspired' because we marry global and Asian cuisines to add depth and flavor; dishes are curiously familiar but surprisingly different. It's a style we felt strongly would appeal to South Florida's growing landscape of sophisticated, adventurous diners, as well as visitors who travel to our resort destination from around the world." - AJ Yaari*

**Culinary Consultant:** Ephraim Kadish

## Culinary Overview:

Featuring seasonal ocean treasures and a variety of fresh sushi, sashimi and rolls, complemented by small and large plates for sharing, ranging from traditional favorites like Korean-Style Ribs to Chinese-style Roasted Duck to playful takes on classics with Slow-Braised Oxtail Spring Rolls to Thai-style Whole Fish, the menu delivers a myriad of tastes.

## Beverage Program:

An ample selection of wine, sake, tea, beer and signature cocktails brings harmonious balance to the umami (savory) culinary offerings.



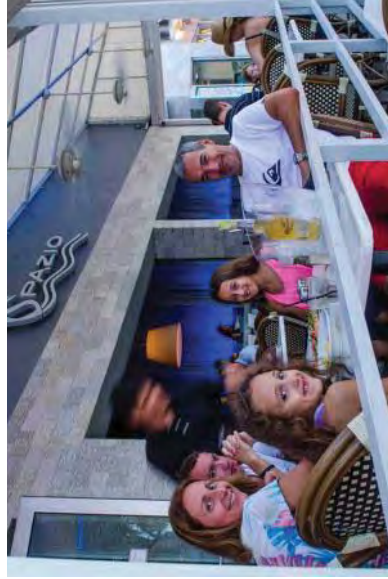
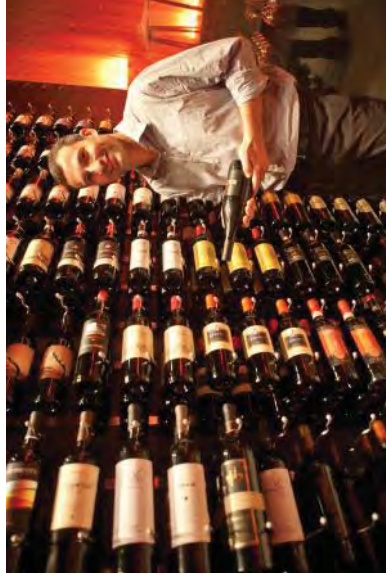
# Spazio Italian Restaurant & Wine Lounge

Name:	Spazio Italian Restaurant & Wine Lounge
Opening Date:	2004 as Spiaggia; Name change 2005
Location:	239 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard Fort Lauderdale, 33316
Phone:	954. 764.8191
Website:	<a href="http://www.SpazioFL.com">www.SpazioFL.com</a>
Social Channels:	Facebook: SpazioFL   Twitter: @SpazioFL Instagram: SpazioFTL   Pinterest: SpazioFL
Service Hours:	Breakfast: Sun. - Fri. 8:00am - 11:00am Lunch: Sun. - Fri. 11:00am - 4:00pm; Sat & Sun.: 8:00am - 12:00pm Dinner: Sun. - Thur. 4:00pm - 11:00 pm; Fri. + Sat.: 4:00pm - midnight Happy Hour: Sun. - Sat. Mon. - Fri. 11:00am - 11:00pm Bar: Sun. - Thur. 11:00am - midnight; Fri. + Sat.: 11:00am - 1:00am
Owners & Management	Owners: AJ Yaari & Lior Avidor General Manager: Christian Jacques Manager: Krste Dzukle
Notable:	Live Music Nightly Extensive Wine Collection Monthly Wine Tastings and Charity Events Host Annual Santa on the Beach 2011-present Family Friendly
Awards/ Recognitions:	Awarded the 2012 City of Fort Lauderdale Community Appearance Award in the Restaurant/ Retail Category. The awards program established in 1978 recognizes residents, community associations, landscapers, architects and businesses that have aesthetically-improved areas of their community to help beautify the city are eligible for nomination.
Memberships	Greater Ft Lauderdale Chamber Beach Council, Board Member Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, Board Member Founders Circle, PRIDE Center of Greater Fort Lauderdale





# Spazio: Touch. Taste. Hear. Smell... Sea



## Culinary Overview:

Serving classic to inspired Italian cuisine in a casually sophisticated setting, dinner at Spazio on Fort Lauderdale Beach is truly a feast for the senses.

Best known for our "made for sharing" portioned starters, homemade pastas and fresh seafood specialties, Spazio also features an ample selection of salads, flatbreads and what many say is the "best pizza this side of Naples".

## Wine Program:

Comprised of both New World and Old World wines, our well-balanced Wine List features a diverse selection of grape varietals while providing wines to suit most tastes and palates. We offer a number of Wines by the Glass., allowing guests to sample different wines and the ability to pair well with a multi-course meal.

## Beverage Program:

From Martini's to Mojito's and Cordials to Cognac, what ever makes up your favorite libation - you'll find it at the bar. A thoughtful hand-crafted cocktail list is complimented by a global selection of import and craft beer, while the spirits bottle list features nearly 200 label varietals.

# Sangrias Mexican Cantina

Name: Sangrias Mexican Cantina  
Acquisition Date: 2006  
Location: 221 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, 33316  
Phone: 954. 533 . 1568  
Website: [www.SangriasFL.com](http://www.SangriasFL.com)  
Social Channels: Facebook: SangriasFL | Twitter: @IBOTB  
Service Hours: All Day Menu: 11:00am - 11:00pm Daily  
Bar: 11:00am - 2:00am

Owners & Management  
Owners: AJ Yaari & Lior Avidor  
Operations Manager: Oshri Avidor  
Manager: Jay Oliveira  
Manager: Douglas Carmargo

Notable:  
Live Music Nightly  
Renovation Completion in 2013  
Family Friendly

Promotions:  
Taco Tuesday  
All Day Happy Hour at the Bar  
Beer Bucket & Jumbo Margarita Promotions

Overview:  
Open seven days a week for lunch, dinner and liquid libations, Sangrias offers hungry beachgoers a casual menu of fresh Mexican and Spanish infused entrees, salads and sandwiches, a spectacular ocean view and a fair dose of fun.

Home of the famous 2-4-1 Giant Margarita, Sangrias also serves up a host of cool, tropical concoctions, fresh doses of sangria and buckets of international beers.

Come for the day and stay for the night! Sangria's features a comfortable beachside patio boasting some of the best flamenco and Latin jazz music beginning each evening at 7:00 pm.





# Blondies



Name: Blondies Sports Bar

Acquisition Date: 2006

Location: 229 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, 33316

Phone: 954.728.9801

Website: [www.BlondiesFL.com](http://www.BlondiesFL.com)

Social Channels: Facebook: BlondiesFL | Instagram: BlondiesFL

Service Hours: Sun. - Thur. 12:00pm - 2:00am; Fri. - Sat. 12:00 pm -3:00am

Owners & Management: Owners: AJ Yaari & Lior Avidor  
Operations Manager: Oshri Avidor

Notable: Voted Best Pool Hall, 2013, in Local 10 Viewers Poll  
All Day Happy Hour | Lowest Drink Prices on the Beach  
Monthly Beer & Liquor Promotions  
Expanded Food Menu & Craft Beer Selection  
Interior & Exterior Upgrades 2014/2015

Promotions: Yeung & Wing Wednesday  
Thursday Night Bike Night

Overview: Located oceanfront in the heart of Fort Lauderdale Beach, Blondies Sports Bar is a favorite amongst locals and a throwback to the infamous Spring Break Headquarter days. Voted 'Best Bar to Take Out-Of-Towners' by New Times and 'Five Must-Visit Fort Lauderdale Bars' by InTown 411, Blondies serves up "The World's Longest Happy Hour" at what might be the world's longest bar.

Whether you're looking to take in the game day action on one of the 50 flat screen TV's, soak in the sun and scenery with a bucket of beer and a burger, add a little air hockey or pop-a-shot competition to a night out with friends, or use pinball and pool as an icebreaker for a first date, Blondies casual beachside bar atmosphere has a little something for everyone to keep you coming back for more.



# St Bart's Cafe



Name: St Bart's Cafe  
Acquisition Date: 2007  
Location: 441 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, 33316  
Phone: 954. 533 . 1568  
Social Channels: Facebook: StBartsCafe | Twitter: @IBOTB  
Service Hours: Serving Daily 6am - 6:30pm  
Owners & Management: Owners: AJ Yaari & Lior Avidor  
Operations Manager: Oshri Avidor  
Manager: John Piticu  
Notable: Expansion of Food Menu 2015 to include healthy food options  
Interior & Exterior Upgrades 2015  
Promotions: Breakfast All Day  
2-4-1 Wine and Beer Happy Hour

Overview: Located on A1A, just east of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, St. Bart's Cafe is a cozy little coffee shop where you'll find a great view of Fort Lauderdale Beach, friendly coffee shop people, and a menu to please everyone in your crowd.

Voted Best Breakfast on the Beach by New Times, St. Bart's serves up breakfast all day, along with an always fresh selection of salads, fruit plates, Panini's, and pastries.

A bustling café morning, noon, and night, St Bart's is a favorite with locals and visitors alike whether they're just swinging by to check their e-mail, relaxing at a sidewalk table to read the paper over fresh fruit smoothie, or to simply sip a cup of fresh coffee and soak in the scenery.





# Rock Bar



Name: Rock Bar  
Acquisition Date: 2009  
Location: 219 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, 33316  
Phone: 954. 533 . 1568  
Website: [www.RockBarFL.com](http://www.RockBarFL.com)  
Social Channels: Facebook: RockBarFL | Twitter: @IBOTB  
Service Hours: All Day Menu: 11:00am - 11:00pm Daily  
Bar: 11:00am - 4:00am

Owners & Management  
Owners: AJ Yaari & Lior Avidor  
Operations Manager: Oshri Avidor  
Manager: Jay Oliveira  
Manager: Douglas Carmargo

Notable: DJ Thursday - Sunday  
Renovation Completion in 2013

Promotions: Taco Tuesday  
All Day Happy Hour at the Bar

Overview: When you want to pick up the energy and turn up the volume step up to Rock Bar. This rockin' beach bar features an eclectic menu and an oceanfront setting that compete with your eyes for attention. Rock Bar also proudly features an all day Happy Hour, 2-for-1 margaritas and amazing drink specials.

If you don't feel like leaving after your meal you're not the only one, so Rock Bar also offers a hookah menu which just might be the only reason you need to extend your stay at the Beach.

Day or night this is the ideal setting to lounge with your friends outside or make new ones on the dance floor. Rock Bar is open seven days a week for lunch, dinner and liquid libations until the party ends at 4am.



# Spazio Express & Market



Name: Spazio Express & Market

Acquisition Date: 2014

Location: 234 Almond Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, 33316

Phone: 954. 652. 1278

Social Channels: Facebook: SpazioExpressFL

Service Hours: All Day Menu: 9:00am - 11:00pm Daily

Property Management

Owners: AJ Yaari & Lior Avidor

Notable: Pedestrian Breezeway - outstanding Urban Design 2012  
Renovation Completion in 2014  
Takeout Deli and Market

Overview: Spazio Express & Market brings a broad range of products and a made to order menu of gourmet foods for breakfast, lunch and late night, and a convenient shopping destination for residents, guests and visitors to Fort Lauderdale Beach.

The market features every day grocery items and snacks, to self-serve coffee and gourmet goods all under one roof, including an ample selection of fine wines craft beers and seasonal fresh vegetables and fruit.

Complimenting the market is the Italian deli and café, featuring breakfast all day and an array of made to order pizza, gourmet sandwiches, salad and fruit smoothies to start or end your day.







AJ Yaari: [AJ@ItsBetterOnTheBeach.com](mailto:AJ@ItsBetterOnTheBeach.com)  
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Committee Review	April 7 - 11
Selections Made	April 14 - 18
Selectees Notified	April 25

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Submitted by: TINA BUTLER

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**1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community. Examples include civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other categories.**

Johnny Alexander has so many accomplishments and contributions to list, however, the following are a few examples of the impact that he has had. He has volunteered 33 years in Fort Lauderdale and some of the programs he has created are Fort Lauderdale's Track Club in the early 70's that is still in place today with over 5,000 children who have participated. Johnny also has been instrumental in establishing the Western Tigers Football Club in the early 70's, which is still in place today with over 10,000 children who have participated. These programs have produced hundreds of college athletes and over 20 have made it to the professional level such as Bennie Blades, Brian Blades, Harry Adams, Al Blades, Bobby Brown, Lorenzo White, Michael Irvin, Thomas Johnson, Issac Bruce, just to name a few. Johnny has tirelessly throughout the years has volunteered on numerous committees such as the Orange Bowl, United States Track & Field, & Amateur Athletic Union, to name a few. He is also a hall of fame member of Dillard School, Joseph C. Carter Park, Florida Track & Field, & Negro League Baseball, to name a few. His financial contributions over the years in raising scholarships for inner city youth is well over \$500,000.

**2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?**

He is a leader, mentor, father, grandfather, husband, and devoted member of the community. He is a role model in what is best in society today. Many from the community look up to him for guidance and inspiration. He has never wavered from his loyalty to the community and his lifetime focus in community service. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award. With Johnny being in the Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame this will inspire others from the community to also to give a huge portion of their life to community service. The Walk of Fame is an indication that past and present community leaders have had an immense positive impact in Fort Lauderdale. He would a perfect addition. Thank you for your consideration.



**JOHNNY ALEXANDER**  
1109 N.W. 23rd Terrace  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311  
Home: (954)587-7758    Office: (954) 467-6915

## **EMPLOYMENT:**

1969 to Present    *Owner*  
Well-Made Cabinets  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

1962 to 1968    *Plant Manager*  
Weldun Wood Craft  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
Managed plant operations, including input and output and quality assurance. Supervised the activities and work performance of 45 employees.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK:**

1961 to 1971    *Player and Coach*  
Fort Lauderdale Semi-Pro Baseball Team

*Player and Coach*  
Fort Lauderdale Tigers Semi-Pro Football Team

1971 to Present    *Youth Coach and President*  
Fort Lauderdale Track Club  
Based at Dillard High School, this organization consists of 150 boys and girls.

*Youth Coach and President*  
West Lauderdale Football Club  
Based at Carter Park, this organization consists of 575 boys and girls, who participate in football and cheerleading activities. The Club maintains an inventory of \$125,000 in football and cheerleading equipment.

**RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED** with the Fort Lauderdale Track Club and the West Lauderdale Football Club include, but are not limited to:

1.    Designing and implementing programs and events with attention to detail.
2.    Training youth participants.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK** *continued:*

3. Assuring the youths' physical and mental preparedness for training and competition.
4. Arranging for transportation to and from training and competition events.
5. Procurement of adequate equipment appropriate for training and competition events.
6. Securing awards and trophies.
7. Preparing and maintaining schedules for training and competition events.
8. Maintaining open communication with parents and guardians of participating youth.
9. Creating the extended family environment, focusing on enhancing the child's overall mental and physical health.
10. Performing extensive fund raising activities to support and perpetuate the youth programs.
11. Planning, implementing and coordinating fund raising events and activities.
12. Setting up baseball teams at various playgrounds throughout the Broward County community.
13. Planning, implementing and coordinating competitions among these playground-based teams.
14. Setting up participation rules and standards for youth, based upon age, gender and ability to perform associated tasks.
15. Performing public relations work and promotion of special events, to ensure perpetuation of youth activity funding and recognition.
16. Assigning the duties of volunteer youth workers.
17. Supervising volunteers associated with each aspect of the youth programs.
18. Coaching teams, with responsibility for their individual safety and well-being.



**ORGANIZATIONAL INVOLVEMENT:**

- Serve on Board of Directors of the South Florida Youth Football League
- Serve on the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Beaches Advisory Board
- Serve as Volunteer Coach in Baseball and Track & Field - since 1961
- Served as Junior Leader at Sunland Park, under Joseph C. Carter - 1957 to 1960

**ACHIEVEMENTS, HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Please see the attached Resolutions, Commendations and Personal Profile, which provide additional data, information and documentation.

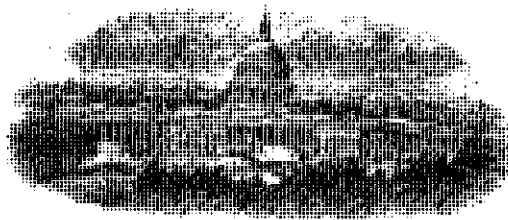
ALCEE L. HASTINGS  
23RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
FLORIDA

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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Johnny Alexander was born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and
- WHEREAS, Johnny Alexander is a graduate of Dillard High School; and
- WHEREAS, For 38 years Johnny Alexander has devoted his time and efforts to youth sports; and
- WHEREAS, Johnny Alexander has been President of the Western Tigers since 1993; and
- WHEREAS, Johnny Alexander was captain of his high school basketball, football, baseball and track teams; and
- WHEREAS: Johnny Alexander is married and has two sons; and
- WHEREAS: Johnny Alexander is an excellent role model for the young men in Fort Lauderdale and Broward County.

THEREFORE: I, Representative Alcee L. Hastings, proclaim  
Saturday, December 3, 2005, as **Johnny Alexander Day**  
in the 23rd Congressional District.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alcee L. Hastings".

Alcee L. Hastings  
Member of Congress



# Proclamation

REQUESTED BY  
BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
SYLVIA POITIER

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners wishes to acknowledge the contributions of individuals who have capably served the needs of our community, and Johnnie, Marvin, and Wilmar Alexander are individuals who deserve this recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Alexander brothers have not only been their coaches, but they have been a father and a friend to the children and to our community while dedicating 30 years of making dreams into a reality for hundreds of boys and girls who would never have had a chance otherwise; and

WHEREAS, they have truly been a role model for our boys and girls and adults who today are proud to say they started with the Alexander brothers who founded the Fort Lauderdale Community Youth Track & Field and Western Football Club, best known to us as the Fort Lauderdale Track Club; and

WHEREAS, their guidance, encouragement, dedication, and long hours of hard work have provided our community with some of our greatest athletes, of whom we are very proud; and

WHEREAS, long before it was popular to volunteer untold hours these men were there for Broward County's youth, despite the difficulties, the brothers never gave up and are to be commended for their trailblazing; and

WHEREAS, the Donna Davenport Scholarship Fund has chosen to honor Johnnie, Marvin, and Wilmar Alexander and their contributions at an appreciation Banquet at Pier 66 Ballroom, Sunday, August 16, 1992, at 6:00 p.m.; NOW, THEREFORE,

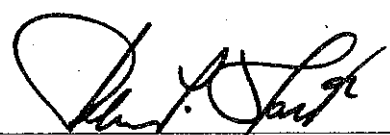
BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

That the Board of County Commissioners, on behalf of itself and the citizens of Broward County, joins the Donna Davenport Scholarship Fund in honoring Johnnie, Marvin, and Wilmar Alexander for their devoted service to the people of this community.

8/16/92

DATE



  
COMMISSION CHAIR

# City of Fort Lauderdale

## COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, Johnnie Alexander, Marvin Alexander and Wilmar Alexander have dedicated 30 years of making dreams into a reality; and

WHEREAS, the dreams of hundreds of boys and girls have been fulfilled and might not have been realized without the Alexanders; and

WHEREAS, The Alexanders have not only been coaches, but have acted in the role of father and friend to these children and to the community; and

WHEREAS, through the guidance, encouragement, dedication and long hours of the Alexanders, the community has had great athletes to come from this community

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do issue this COMMENDATION to:

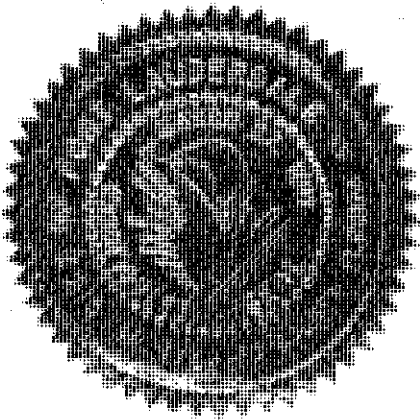
JOHNNIE ALEXANDER

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and should be commended for his untiring dedication to the boys and girls of the community.

DATED this, the 16th day of August, 1992.



Mayor Jim Naule





# Office of the Mayor City of Fort Lauderdale Commendation

WHEREAS, JOHNNY ALEXANDER has been a major leader in the community for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, JOHNNY ALEXANDER is the director and founder of the Fort Lauderdale Track Club, which provides track opportunities for more than 150 children annually; and

WHEREAS, JOHNNY ALEXANDER is the North Area Commissioner for the Tackle Football League which has over 500 children in the program, known as the Western Tigers, and ranging in age from 7 to 16; and

WHEREAS, JOHNNY ALEXANDER is a very devoted and respected family man in the community and has worked diligently to improve youth sports within the Fort Lauderdale area; and

WHEREAS, JOHNNY ALEXANDER has demonstrated in many ways his deep and genuine love for the youth of our community;


NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby issue this COMMENDATION to:

JOHNNY ALEXANDER

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and extend our appreciation to JOHNNY ALEXANDER for his dedication to the community and its youth.

DATED this, the 4th day of September, 1996.



  
Mayor Jim Nugle



## 2014 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form

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If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2014 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. Please feel free to attach additional sheets or submit your responses via email to [tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov)

Name: DR. GEORGE HANBURY

Address: 333 SUNSET DR., #807,

City, State, Zip Code: FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

Home Phone: 954-262-5357 Office: 954-262-2119 Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: ghanbury@nsu.nova.edu



1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community. Examples include civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other categories.

Dr. George Hanbury is responsible for the City's beach becoming a world-class destination. It is because of Dr. Hanbury's vision and leadership that the City of Fort Lauderdale has become an international City. He was responsible for the \$35 million bond for parks, neighborhoods, capital improvements + public safety.

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Dr. Hanbury served as City Manager for 9 years during a crucial point of our City's infrastructure improvements. His leadership resulted in putting our City on the map and has led to our position today as a vibrant City. Please see attached for additional information.

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Please see attached synopsis and bio.  
Thank you for your consideration of  
Dr. Hanbury.

Submitted by: Chuck Malkus Chuck Malkus  
Former Beach Council chairman, Former Member, Beach Redevelopment Board,  
Founding chairman, Neighbors 4 Neighbors; Current Board, Neighbors 4 Neighbors  
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## **Nomination of Dr. George L. Hanbury II**

Fort Lauderdale beach has become a world-class City largely because of the efforts of former City Manager Dr. George L Hanbury II. Dr. Hanbury was responsible for providing leadership and vision which led to Fort Lauderdale's beach being turned around and today is renowned as an international beach destination. He was responsible for the \$35 million bond issue for parks that voters approved in 1996, the citywide neighborhood capital improvement program, beefed-up code enforcement and public safety and economic development programs.

Dr. Hanbury also led revitalization efforts for Fort Lauderdale's downtown; the Arts and Entertainment District and Sistrunk Boulevard area. And his \$35 million bond issue helped Fort Lauderdale beach tremendously. Dr. Hanbury served our City for nine years as City Manager and it is time to honor his achievements.

Dr. Hanbury has remained a visionary for the City with his leadership at Nova Southeastern University, where he has helped oversee programs including the Oceanographic Center, among several programs leading to the university's standing of national prominence. His resume is provided below:

### **George L. Hanbury II President/CEO, Nova Southeastern University**

George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D. is the sixth president of Nova Southeastern University, the nation's ninth largest private not-for-profit university, located in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Since taking over as President/CEO in July 2011, he has built on the legacy of former presidents to elevate the university's standing to one of national prominence.

Among his first accomplishments as president has been to refocus the university's mission and vision, and lay out eight core values to guide the university into 2020 and beyond: Academic Excellence, Student Centered, Integrity, Innovation, Opportunity, Scholarship/Research, Diversity and Community. One early sign of success is that under Dr. Hanbury's leadership as COO, NSU was designated with the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification in 2010, as there are more than 1,000 community engagement projects taking place at NSU. NSU is one of only 35 universities to also be classified as a research university with "high research activity."

Through his commitment to NSU's new core values and 2020 vision, Dr. Hanbury aims for NSU to foster academic excellence, intellectual inquiry, leadership, research, and commitment to community through engagement of students and faculty members in a dynamic, life-long learning environment to produce alumni who serve with integrity in their lives, fields of study and resulting careers.

Dr. Hanbury's student-focused mindset also shines through in his courses, as he continues teaching public administration at NSU's Huizenga Business School. He has been certified



through the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia and has been recognized for his leadership by service organizations, city councils and commissions, and chambers of commerce across the nation.

Prior to his appointment as President/CEO, Dr. Hanbury served NSU for twelve years as Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President. Before entering higher education administration, Dr. Hanbury led a successful 30-year career as City Manager of the Cities of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Portsmouth, Virginia; Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Assistant City Manager in Norfolk, Virginia. Dr. Hanbury holds a B.S. from Virginia Tech, an M.S. in Public Administration from Old Dominion and a Ph.D. in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University.

Dr. Hanbury has been honored by many organizations, including accolades such as the Ease Foundation Humanitarian of the Year Award; Rotary Club of Davie-Cooper City, 2006 Man of the Year; American Diabetes Association Valor Award Recipient 2005; 1997 Distinguished Alumni of Old Dominion University, and others. He also commits much of his time to civic activities, serving on the Boards of the Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale, Nova Southeastern University; Library Foundation of Broward County; Finance Committee of the First United Methodist Church of Fort Lauderdale; Business Development Board of Palm Beach County; and the United Way of Broward County.



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Name: JACK NELSON

Address: 417 Idlewyld Drive

City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL. 33301

Home Phone: (954) 463-7142 cell: 954-610-1477 My cell phone: 404-934-9850

Email: shernelster@gmail.com (This is Coach Jack's wife's email - he does not have one)  
(Sherill Nelson.)



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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community. Examples include civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other categories.

Since the late 1950's Jack Nelson has been an incredibly accomplished resident of Ft. Lauderdale. Jack saved lives as a lifeguard on Ft. Lauderdale Beach, he coached countless Ft. Lauderdale swimmers to great heights and he built the reputation of Ft. Lauderdale as an internationally known swimming destination. It's hard to describe Jack's contributions to the community. Impact is more appropriate. For 35 yrs. Jack Nelson coached Ft. Lauderdale swimmers to become Olympians, National Champions and Collegiate All-Americans. His team, the city team, the Ft. Lauderdale Swim Team won countless United States Swimming Championships. This was all done from his coaching at the International Swimming Hall of Fame pool. These accomplishments make him an outstanding international ambassador for the city of Fort Lauderdale!

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

As a native (born in Broward General) I am nominating Coach Jack Nelson for this distinguished honor. I swam under Jack for 21 years at the Hall of Fame. Every one of his swimmers was a part of his family. His drive, determination, motivation and caring for all of his swimmers to succeed was infectious. He had us all take a "positive thinking" class for visualization and imagery of our races - years before that was a popular facet of coaching. To this day I carry with me those concepts and beliefs he instilled in me. He was a mentor, a coach, and when my father was absent - a father. Not only to me, to all of his swimmers. I am successful, as I know hundreds of other swimmers are successful in life because of Coach Jack Nelson!

Thank You!

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

For Coach Jack Nelson's biography and resume, please see the attached file (2 page pdf)... too long to write out!  
Thank you,

Submitted by: Christina Lihan - former swimmer for 21 yrs. under Coach Nelson

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# Olympic Swimmer and Head Olympic Coach

Jack Nelson is the only person in the history of USA swimming who has been both an Olympic swimmer, placing in the finals at the Olympics, in 1956 and an Olympic head coach in 1976. He is also a three time world record holder and Olympian, former collegiate All-American, World Games and Pan-American Games coach. Coach has been inducted into seven (7) halls of fame: Greater Fort Lauderdale Sports Hall of Fame, University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame, Saint Thomas Aquinas Hall of Fame, North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, State of Florida Sports Hall of Fame, and the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Born in Chickamauga, Georgia November 8, 1931, Jack was a football player in high school and is still considered a football player in the small town of LaFayette, Georgia. He started competitive swimming at the age of 21 in the Air Force where he was immediately successful. The next year, at age 22, he was coaching the team. Within three years, Jack swam the 100 and 200 meter butterfly in world record times and competed in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

Buddy Baarcke met Jack Nelson when they were training for the Pan American Games in Treasure Island, CA and acted as a key mentor for developing Jack's training regimens as a swimmer. The two have been lifelong friends. Coach Tom Lamar, one of Jack's personal coaches, has also been a role model to Jack and his coaching style.

Jack Nelson attended the University of Miami (1957-1960) and life-guarded on the weekends on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Mrs. Ruth Eney approached Jack on the beach to coach her daughter in swimming. In a short period of time, Jack began his extremely successful high school coaching career with 30 state championships at Ransom School, Pine Crest School, and Fort Lauderdale High Schools. At age 44 he coached the most amazing Olympic triumph by an American Women's Relay Team. Then at the age of 60 his team won their first of 14 National Team Championships.

In 1966 when Jack returned from fourth place in the Nationals, Jack formed the Jack Nelson Swim Club which became the Fort Lauderdale Swim Team, training at Pine Crest and the International Swimming Hall of Fame. He also coached at the University of Miami for four years.

Jack has coached 44 Olympians, including gold medalists, Joel Thomas, Paige Zemina, David Edgar, Shirley Stobbs, Arthur Wodat, Marilyn Corson, Sheila Taormina, Melanie Valero, David Fox, and Tripp Schwenk. He also coached world and U.S. record holders, Andy Coan, and Laurie Lehner, and American record holders Margie Moffit, Ann Marshall, Bonnie Brown, Tom McAneney, and Seth van Neerden, plus over 460 All-Americans.

He coached the US national teams in 1974, 1975, 1976, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1990, and 1994. Nelson's coaching methods may be considered a little unconventional. In other words, Jack talks a lot. "Jack has the ability to say whatever makes you feel better about yourself. He is a super motivator, and if he could, he'd



get up on the blocks and swim the race for you." Nelson coached one of the most exciting moments in the 1976 Montreal Olympics. Kim Peyton, Jill Sterkel, Wendy Boglioli, and anchor Shirley Babashoff swam a 400 freestyle relay that beat the steroid-affected East German team that had dominated the other relays and individual events. The USA women had set nine American Records, and four world records. This same year, Nelson was named National High School Coach of the Year.

Most recently, former swimmers, Bradley Alley, who swam in 2 Olympics set a new NCAA record and won the 200 IM at the 2009 NCAA Championships; along with Albert Suberitz, an Olympian, who won the 100 freestyle in the NCAA's and Garrett Webber-Gale won Olympic and World Games gold medals.

Sharing in his life of accomplishment, Sherrill Nelson has been married to Jack for thirty six (36) years. Together, they participated as members of the United States swimming coaching staff at the 1990 World Cup meet in Perth, Australia. The following year, Sherrill returned to Perth as a member of the World Games staff. She was the USA 1998 Women in Swimming award winner, and in 1999, the International Swimming Hall of Fame named Sherrill as their Grand Dame for outstanding contributions to USA swimming.

Coach's belief is that "Access to Success is Thru the Mind." His life of accomplishments proves its value. Jack Nelson exemplifies a charismatic coach with a passion for his sport. Through him, we learn that this special brand of passion includes positive enthusiasm, setting standards and living by them, really caring about athletes, and being active in the politics of the sport.

Jack Nelson is quick to acknowledge the coaches and people who have helped him throughout his career: His parents, Mary B and W.J. Nelson who always believed in him. He knows they are up there watching and he is proud to be their son. Buddy Baarcke, Mike Barden, Lloyd Bennett, Joe Bernal, Red Blair, Buster Britton, Richard Cahalan, Delores Campbell, Ralph Casey, Willis Casey, Dick Cavanah, Bill Clinton, Andy Coan, Major Rob Cox, Isabelle Craine, Mark Davin, Rosemary Dawson, Jackie Nelson Doyle, John Doyle, David Edgar, Guy Edson, Michael Egan, Frank Elm, Barbara Evans, Tom Fagley, Principal Sally Faloon, Jack Gafney, Don Gambriel, Marty Grady, Wendell Gray-Gonzales, Jorge Gonzalez, George Haines, Mark Hesse, Mary Jackson, Lucky Jordan, Ken Kaplan, Jim Kiernan, Lee Kingsbury, Bob Kiputh, Chuck Knoles, Allan Kopel, Tom Lamar, Andy Lehner, John Leonard, Pop Levitt, Jack Martin, Lisa McLucky, Bob McVain, Jim Montrella, Don Moonjian, Phil Moriarty, Mayor Jim Naugle, Garry Nelson, Jamie Nelson, Sherrill Nelson, David Nielson, Chris Noll, Bob Ousley, Fred Peters, Mike Peppe, John Pierson, Alex Pussieldi, Ritva Rennes, Stacy Rush, Vince Santostefano, Terry Schlichenmaier, Senator Jim Scott, Bill Sepich, Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Seth Sizer, David Snyder, Charles "Red" Sylvia, Carole Tan, Nobutaka Tan, Alan Toll, Norman D. Tripp, Mike Tschirret, Greg Tye, Tomas Victoria, Bill Wadley, Chuck Wahner, Jill White, Robbin White, John Wienants, Judi Woolger, June Woolger, Linda Young, Ron Young and Mayor Virginia Young.

I'm not sure this is necessary, but 2 of Jack's former swimmers -  
1 - Andy Coan - who broke the world record at the Hall of Fame pool, can be contacted to provide any information on Jack. His # is: 561-212-8886, Andy also swam for Jack at Pine Crest School.  
2 - Kurt Weinants (son of Football coach at Ft. Lauderdale High School) swam ~~under Jack at~~ University of Miami, Ft. Laud. H.S., and at FLST, His # is: 305-343-7060. Thank you!

**From:** [Tim McGovern](#)  
**To:** [Chaz Adams](#); [Angela DiPietro](#)  
**Cc:** [Carl Williams](#); [Phil Thornburg](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Coach Jack Nelson for walk of fame nomination  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 11:08:08 AM  
**Attachments:** [jacknelsonnomination.pdf](#)  
[jacknelsonbio.pdf](#)

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-----Original Message-----

From: christina lihan [<mailto:lihanstudio@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 9:35 PM  
To: Tim McGovern  
Subject: Coach Jack Nelson for walk of fame nomination

Hello Tim

I have attached two pdfs. This is for my nomination for Coach Jack Nelson to be a walk of fame honoree.

Please call me or email if you need something else.

Thank you!

Cheers,

Christina

--- On Tue, 4/1/14, christina lihan <[lihanstudio@yahoo.com](mailto:lihanstudio@yahoo.com)> wrote:

> From: christina lihan <[lihanstudio@yahoo.com](mailto:lihanstudio@yahoo.com)>  
> Subject: nelson  
> To: [lihanstudio@yahoo.com](mailto:lihanstudio@yahoo.com)  
> Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 8:57 PM  
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## **2014 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form**

The City established the Walk of Fame in 2010 at the inaugural Great American Beach Party to pay tribute to the legendary Connie Francis on the 50th Anniversary of "Where the Boys Are," the 1960 film which made Fort Lauderdale an overnight sensation and a "must see" destination for visitors.

Walk of Fame Honorees are recognized for distinguishing themselves in their respective fields, while making lifelong, positive contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale. As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative marble paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is located on the beach along the east side of A1A at Las Olas Boulevard.

Walk of Fame Honorees are announced at the Great American Beach Party, which annually takes place on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

### 2014 Nomination Timeline:

Application Deadline	April 4
Committee Review	April 7 - 11
Selections Made	April 14 - 18
Selectees Notified	April 25

If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2014 Great American Beach Party Walk of Fame, please complete the information below. Please feel free to attach additional sheets or submit your responses via email to [tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov)

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1. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the community. Examples include civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, projects accomplished, or other categories.

Our nominee has effected change in all four categories: civic responsibility, financial contributions, volunteer service, and accomplished several projects through her mentoring program P.K. Girls Mentoring Program. The mentoring program was created in response to a call to mentor young ladies and their mothers. As a mother and daughter, Patrina and Kellie survived the middle school and high school years (thirteen to eighteen). They personally know how challenging those years can be; as Patrina's daughter Kellie was expelled from school for one year as a result of her involvement in gang related activities. Through her mother's mentoring, encouragement, Kellie returned to school that following year more focused and committed to being successful in school in spite of having to recover an entire year of educational instruction. Kellie was able to overcome those challenges, because she had the perfect role model in her mom, Patrina Suydam. Today, Kellie is an entrepreneur, motivational

2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

Our nominee is deserving of this award based on her personal conviction to fulfilling her mission in life, to making a positive life changing impact in the lives of at-risk youth and their families. Patrina our founder understands first-hand the challenges that at-risk youth encounter on a daily basis. She is a third generation product of public assistance and living in public housing. Like her grandmother and mother before her, Patrina grew up in a drug-infested, poverty stricken, under-served community in Washington DC. A city where crime was so widespread it became known as the murder capital of the world. While growing up in the inner-city, she hated attending school, and the community she lived in, but later realized the importance of obtaining a quality education that would ultimately lead to a better future. With a mission to break generational cycles of educational and economic barriers and to create better opportunities for her kids; Patrina went back to school, earning her Master's in Education in 2003 and lost no

3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

Biography Patrina Suydam is a native Washingtonian, she established the Not My Kids Founda

Submitted by: Matthew Suydam

Background material such as nominee biography, resume, media copy, etc. is highly recommended.

All nominations must be received by **Friday, April 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.** Submissions may be mailed to: Tim McGovern, City of Fort Lauderdale, Parks and Recreation Department, 1350 W. Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312. Forms may also be emailed to [tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov). Nominations and background materials submitted after **Friday, April 4 at 5:00 p.m. will not be accepted.** If you have any questions, please call (954) 828-4340 or email [tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:tmcgovern@fortlauderdale.gov).



**From:** [Patrina Suydam](#)  
**To:** [Angela DiPietro](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: 2014 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 23, 2014 6:50:55 PM

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Good Evening Ms. Pietro:

As per your request, please find the narratives for my nominee Patrina Suydam for the 2014 Walk of Fame. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this information again, as I believe my mother is well deserving of this honor.

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Patrina realizes her civic responsibility as she serves at-risk youth and their families using her personal funds and resources to operate the foundation. She answered the call in 2004, and created **The Not My Kids Foundation, Inc.** with a **mission to make a positive life-changing impact in the lives of at-risk youth through mentoring, educational and advocacy services**. We target at-risk youth who are faced with generational cycles of poverty, illiteracy, drug addiction and domestic violence. Through higher education opportunities and access to resources and training services our youth are afforded the chance to become productive citizens. **Our charter is to help our youth break through and overcome their challenges in order to move onto a path of self-sufficiency**. The facts are brutally clear; poverty and cycles of violence create urgent problems for our kids and limit their choices. Therefore, **we have declared a State of Emergency** on behalf of at-risk youth and are attacking urgent problems from all fronts. **We encourage all stakeholders to join the fight in saving our children by saying "Not My Kids to generational cycles of poverty, illiteracy, drug addiction and domestic violence. We provide our youth a safe haven of consistency and structure in an environment that is conducive for learning positive behavior and improving academic skills.** Our metrics include reducing dropout rates, meeting grade level expectations and improving social skills. Our demographic is children in at-risk communities – housing projects and inner city neighborhoods. The Not My Kids Foundation, Inc. **currently serves children living at the Broward Gardens Apartments, a HUD Housing project** in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Patrina is committed to standing up for and fighting for our at-risk youth. She is driven to help change the fate of our youth. According to studies by Johns Hopkins University, there are key indicators for success in the middle grades that determine whether students are on track to graduate from high school. Sixth graders with any of the

following characteristics failed math or English/reading, or attended school less than 80% of the time, or received an unsatisfactory behavior grade in a core course had only a 10%-20 chance of graduating from high school. The program seeks to holistically redirect angry unproductive and negative behavior; replacing it with a positive life changing direction resulting in intellectually prepared, confident, and emotionally well balanced youths. We are the bridge between home and school for the majority of our families - most have multiple children and are headed by hardworking young women between the ages of 25 - 30. Many families have adults who cannot help with homework because they are functionally illiterate and lack the necessary skills to find gainful full-time employment; consequently, parents often have many part-time jobs that leave them very little time to spend helping their children make progress after school. Patrina has answered the call by using her own resources to help change the deplorable condition in the lives or at risk youth.

## 2. Why is the nominee deserving of this award?

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Patrina is leading the organization with creativity and passion, maintaining and growing our ability to provide support and services. Using a diverse set of community and corporate partners, the Not My Kids Foundation, Inc. has pursued and successfully obtained the resources necessary to help our children. She has a perspective and attitude that is relevant as her vision for the foundation is to build enduring programs that attacks the urgent problems of poverty, child abuse and bullying on all fronts. About 16.1 million children (more than one in five) under the age of 18 are living in poverty. Patrina is leading the by helping to attack the hidden epidemic of child abuse and neglect that affects one in five children in the United States. Unfortunately, the violence in our schools caused by bullying - fear drives nearly 160,000 kids to stay home from school every day to avoid being bullied.

## 3. Please provide a brief biography, resume or any other background information about the nominee including contact information.

### Biography

Patrina Suydam is a native Washingtonian, she established the Not My Kids Foundation, Inc. In 2004 as she was divinely inspired. She is a motivational speaker, entrepreneur, mentor and educational advocate. *She believes that it is* time to declare a state of emergency on the behalf of our at-risk youth and families living in America. Patrina serves as a surrogate mother who decided to say "Not My Kids to: generational cycles of poverty, psychological, educational, and economical barriers that have caused social demobilization in families".

While growing up in the inter-city she hated attending school, but later realizes the importance of obtaining an education; therefore, she went back to school after starting a family. Patrina is an alumnus of Strayer University, in Washington, D.C. where she received a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Computer Information Systems and two minor degrees: one in Human Resource and the other in Business Administration.

Her love for special need students inspired her to acquire a Master's degree in Education, majoring in cross-categorical special education from Regent University, located in Virginia Beach, Virginia, graduating cum laude. Patrina has several years of professional classroom instructions in Prince



George's County Maryland and Washington, D.C. teaching in special, alternative, general and adult educational settings.

She currently holds a post graduate professional license, certified in special learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, ESOL and reading specialist K-12. She is a certified Master Teacher, Intel Teach to the Future Program, certified by Riverside to administer the Woodcock Johnson III achievement test, the Wilson Reading Systems, WADE and a certified tutor through Tutor Trek.

Patrina is a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda honor society. She served as a member of Florence Bertell Academy in Prince George's County Maryland Counsel on Accreditation Board, as chairperson for TQA and on the Middle states Commission on Accreditation Visiting Team.

In 2010 The Not My Kids Foundation, Inc received the keys to the city of Fort Lauderdale at their Grand Opening and for the community involvement with at risk youth. Patrina received several nominations: Jim Morgan's Family Enterprises, Inc African American Achievers Award, in 2012, 2013 *and* 2014. PNC Bank Non-profit of the Year in the category of Rising Star in 2012 and 2013 - Fort Lauderdale Community Citizen of the Year in 2012 *and* 2014.

Her fight is to help increase the number of students graduating from high school and universities with life and career skills necessary to compete in our ever changing global society. She encourage all stakeholders to join her in declaring next generations of entrepreneurs, mentors, lawyers, doctors, and advocates. She believes together we can save our children.

-----Original Message-----

From: Angela DiPietro <[ADiPietro@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:ADiPietro@fortlauderdale.gov)>  
To: patrinasyud <[patrinasyud@aol.com](mailto:patrinasyud@aol.com)>  
Sent: Wed, Apr 23, 2014 9:46 am  
Subject: FW: 2014 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form

Hello, would you be able to cut and paste the narrative attached in an email. It looks like it got cut off. Thank you.

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**From:** Tim McGovern  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2014 1:37 PM  
**To:** Angela DiPietro  
**Subject:** FW: 2014 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form

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**From:** Tim McGovern  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2014 1:31 PM  
**To:** Tim McGovern  
**Subject:** FW: 2014 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form

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**From:** Patrina Suydam [<mailto:patrinasyud@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2014 4:24 PM  
**To:** Tim McGovern  
**Subject:** 2014 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a copy of the 2014 Walk of Fame Honoree Nomination Form. It is with pleasure to nominate my mother Patrina Suydam.

Regards,

Matthew Suydam